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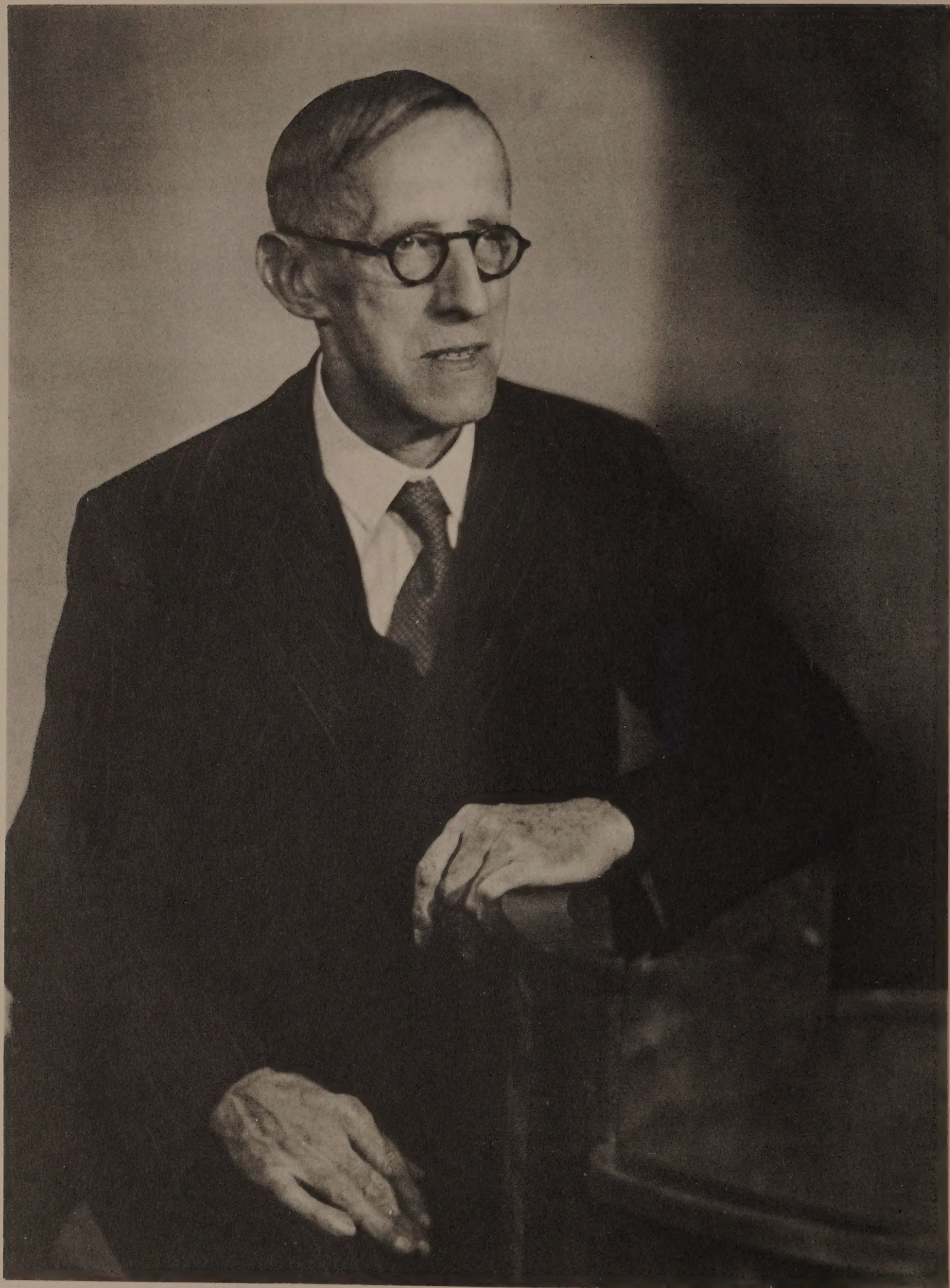
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THIS BOOK IS PRESENTED TO
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HIS EMINENT CONTRIBUTION TO
HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP
AND IN GRATITUDE
FOR THE UNSTINTED HELP
HE HAS ALWAYS READILY GIVEN
TO HIS FELLOW-STUDENTS

PREFACE

BEFORE anything else is said it is proper that the thanks of all who have been concerned in the preparation of this book should be offered to the earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, the owner by inheritance of the original manuscript. They thank him in the first instance for permission to print an edition of the documents included in this notable collection. They also desire to acknowledge his forbearance in allowing the original manuscript to remain for long periods in London in order that the editorial work might be carried through.

The Book of Seals was recalled to the memory of the present generation of scholars when the thirteenth Lord Winchilsea, the grandfather of the present owner of the book, showed it to Canon C. W. Foster at Haverholme Priory in Lincolnshire in 1921. With a generosity characteristic of his line Lord Winchilsea allowed the Canon to borrow the book, and it joined the cartularies of Lincoln Cathedral in the safe which was the most noticeable piece of furniture in the hall of Timberland Vicarage. Canon Foster at once showed the book to my husband and to me and told other scholars interested in charters and family history. There was not enough Lincolnshire material in the book to justify its publication as a volume of the Lincolnshire Record Society. Canon Foster therefore consulted Mr. G. N. Clark about the possibility of printing the early charters in the *English Historical Review* of which he was at that time editor. Mr. Clark was sympathetic, but Canon Foster did not carry the proposal any farther. Lord Winchilsea left Haverholme Priory in 1926. After his death in 1927 his son, the fourteenth earl, deposited his collection of manuscripts, including the Book of Seals, in the custody of the Northamptonshire Record Society for the use of students.

At a meeting of the Council of the Society held on 26 November 1936 it was agreed that an edition of the Book of Seals should be published by the Society and that Mr. L. C. Loyd should be asked to undertake the work. Mr. Loyd was a foundation member of the Society, was closely connected with Northamptonshire, and had recently retired from the Treasury Solicitor's Office. His unique knowledge of feudal genealogy both in England and Normandy enabled him to carry through the laborious work of identifying the names and families of those who issued the charters and of determining the origin of their connexion with the lands involved. This task was the more difficult in that the charters range in time over the whole medieval period and in place through every English county.

In the years before 1939 Mr. Loyd had identified surviving originals of the charters entered in the Book of Seals, had well begun the work of identifying the people and places mentioned in the charters, and had begun to collect notes from Dodsworth's manuscripts for the Introduction. The outbreak of war sent him back to his desk in the Treasury Solicitor's Office, but he continued to spend his spare time on the Book of Seals. He put his transcripts in envelopes each containing fifty charters, and as he completed work on the contents of an envelope he sent it for safety to his brother's

house at Lockinge. Failing health after six years of war, spent almost without a break in London, made Mr. Loyd unwilling to face the task of revising the work, writing the Introduction, making the indexes, and seeing the book through the press. I therefore suggested that if my husband and I came into the work, with which we had both been in close touch through these years, Mr. Loyd might be able to turn his mind to the remaining problems of the charters. In the event the work has fallen to me, for my husband became Vice-Chancellor of his University in 1946 and was obliged temporarily to abandon historical work. Mr. Loyd had almost completed his annotations before his last illness and his death in August 1947. Those who know his work in the *Complete Peerage* will recognize the master touch in such notes as, for example, those to Nos. 35 or 107.

The problem of paying for the printing of such a volume was far graver in 1947 than it had been ten years before and was now beyond the unaided resources of the Northamptonshire Record Society. At the suggestion of the President of St. John's College, Mr. A. L. Poole, the Delegates of the Clarendon Press have made the present publication possible, and it is now issued as a joint tribute to my husband from his individual friends and from the Society which he helped to found. The Secretary of the Clarendon Press and all the members of the staff involved in its production have spared no pains to make this book in its own way as beautiful as the Book of Seals itself. I am very grateful to every one of them. To the readers of the Clarendon Press my especial gratitude is due, for they have saved me from many inconsistencies and errors.

My part in this book has been to revise Mr. Loyd's copy for press, to write notes on the charters not annotated by him, to make the indexes, and to write the Introduction. Mr. Loyd, conscious of the size and probable cost of the volume, had planned to print in full only such charters as could be dated before about 1220; even that number seemed formidable. The rest he abstracted in full. Some of the documents of a later date than that set by Mr. Loyd have seemed to me of such interest that I have printed them in full. To make room for this I have somewhat cut down Mr. Loyd's abstracts, but I hope that nothing of any importance has been omitted.

Mr. Loyd would have wished to add his thanks to mine for the generous help we have both received from many scholars while this work has been in progress. Without the enterprise and public spirit of the Northamptonshire Record Society and its Honorary Editor and Secretary, Mr. Loyd would never have begun the work. Miss Dorothea Paton, lecturer in Old French in the University of Reading, has read for us the documents in that language. On all points of law I have turned remorselessly to Professor T. F. T. Plucknett for help which he has unstintingly given. One long note he has been good enough to allow me to print under his name. I am grateful to Mr. C. E. Wright of the British Museum not only for telling me about Sir Frederick Madden's Notebook and thus filling a gap in the history of the Book of Seals, but also for the generous way he has allowed me to draw upon his profound knowledge of the antiquaries of the seventeenth century.

This work could never have been carried to completion without the help of Mr. Charles Clay. In 1936 Mr. H. S. Kingsford agreed to write the heraldic description of the seals, a task for which Mr. Loyd felt himself to be unqualified. Before he had dealt with half the seals Mr. Kingsford died. When the plan of the present volume was under discussion in the summer of 1948 Mr. Clay most generously offered to take charge of this part of the work. He checked the descriptions already written and wrote the large number still remaining to be done. His profound knowledge of the feudal world, and particularly his knowledge of the north, was frequently drawn on by Mr. Loyd as he was working on the genealogical aspect of the charters. It has been as freely at my service. He has read the first proofs of the book and immediately responded to any appeal for help. I must, however, recognize that responsibility for any errors in the final proofs is mine.

This book is dedicated to my husband, who from the day he first saw the Book of Seals at Timberland Vicarage has constantly urged that it should be made available in print. It is his birthday present from his friends, and from the Society which he helped to found. They will not reproach me for appealing, as I have worked, to him *de cuius stillicidiis nos quoque modicum id quod habemus per traducem accepimus*.

D. M. S.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- BHRS Bedfordshire Historical Record Society.
 BM British Museum. In the descriptions of the seals BM indicates *Catalogue of Seals in the Department of MSS, British Museum*
BM Facsimiles Facsimiles of Royal and other Charters in the British Museum, ed. G. F. Warner and H. J. Ellis.
 BS Book of Seals.
 CDF *Calendar of Documents preserved in France*, ed. J. H. Round.
 CP *Complete Peerage*.
Cal. Chart. Rolls Calendar of Charter Rolls.
Cal. Inq. p.m. Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem.
Cal. Pat. Rolls Calendar of Patent Rolls.
Cur. Reg. Rolls Curia Regis Rolls.
 EPNS English Place Name Society.
 EYC *Early Yorkshire Charters*, vols. i-iii, ed. W. Farrer; vols. iv-vii, ed. C. T. Clay.
 Eyton, *Itin. Court, Household and Itinerary of King Henry II*, R. W. Eyton.
 FA *Feudal Aids*
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Fees Book of Fees.
 HKF *Honours and Knights Fees*, W. Farrer.
 Landon *Itin. The Itinerary of King Richard I*, L. Landon, Pipe Roll Society, vol. xiii.
 LRS Lincoln Record Society.
 Mon. W. Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*, 3 vols., London, 1655-73. New ed. by J. Caley, H. Ellis, and B. Bandinel, 6 vols in 8, London 1817-30.
 Morant, *Essex History and Antiquities of the County of Essex*, P. Morant.
 Nichols *The History and Antiquities of the Town and County of Leicester*, 1795.
 NRS Northamptonshire Record Society.
 Ox. Hist. Soc. Oxford Historical Society.
 PR Pipe Roll.
 PRO Public Record Office.
 PRS Pipe Roll Society.
 RB *Red Book of the Exchequer*, Rolls Series, ed. H. Hall.
 RS Rolls Series.
 Staff. Coll. *Collections for the History of Staffordshire*, Wm. Salt Society.
 VCH *Victoria History of the Counties of England*.
 WAM Westminster Abbey Muniments.

INTRODUCTION

I

SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON's Book of Seals¹ consists to-day of 128 vellum folios, each approximately $17\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{3}{4}$ in. Charters are entered on both sides of folios 1 to 118, with the exception of the dorse of folios 1, 5, 10, 17, 24, 39, 59, 83, 89, 94, 95, 98, 107, 108, 113, 115, 116, 117, 118. Of the 529 charters in the book 240 are facsimiles of the original deed done with painful care. Some of the charters facsimiled in the book survive in the British Museum. These have been printed from the originals, and variant readings are given in footnotes. The absence of such variant readings where the charter is in facsimile and their rarity in other cases is a striking testimony to the accuracy of the draftsman. The photographs in the present volume well illustrate the technical perfection of the work, but no photograph can give the full beauty of the charters as they are portrayed in the Book of Seals itself. The photograph shows a hardness of outline, a clear-cut squareness which reveals the basic drawing of the charter upon the page. In the book itself this harshness is less apparent because most of the charters are carefully tinted to give the impression of old parchment. The tinting makes them stand out from the vellum page as would an actual charter laid on it. The colour of the cords, where cords were used to attach the seals, and the colour of the seals themselves are shown. At the head of each page the name and titles of the owner of the deeds shown below are boldly written in scarlet letters, so that the open book conveys a richness and variety of colour delightful to the eye.

*General
appearance of
the book*

The artist, for the man who made the book deserves this title, was careful to reproduce the exact size and shape of the document. The indentation of chirographs, the turn-ups at the bottom of charters, the width of seal strips, the ribands below or above them, the plaiting or knots in seal cords are all faithfully drawn. Even if he did not reproduce the whole deed in facsimile he was careful to give an exact representation of enough of the writing to show the hand. He never supplied words which were already decayed when the charter came into his hands. For the earlier charters which he did not facsimile he developed a plain script form of writing, not unlike a simple twelfth-century hand. For later deeds he used a smaller script. So completely was he the master of his pen that he succeeds in eliminating his own personality from his writing, so that it is very difficult for those who use his work to judge whether one or more men shared in it. The twelfth-century charters inevitably draw the attention of the modern student, and it was on them that the greatest care was lavished by the transcriber, but it would be difficult to find elsewhere a more representative collection of late medieval deeds, including appointments of seneschals and attorneys,

*Precision of
the draftsman*

¹ Finch Hatton MS. 170.

enfeoffments to uses, wills, and even a letter from the lord to his tenants, free and serf, informing them that he has parted with the manor (372).

*Folios 56-9
of Philipot's
collection*

Folios 56-9 in a sense stand apart from the rest of the book. On them are entered Nos. 252-79, the concluding charters of the large collection of John Philipot Somerset Herald. These pages present an unfinished appearance, for the outline of the charters is not drawn in, and although the seals are sketched and coloured no indication is given of the way in which they are attached to the documents. The charters are much abbreviated and are written in a flowing italic hand like that of a competent seventeenth-century clerk. It has been suggested that Philipot wrote these pages, for the hand bears a strong likeness to that of the Catalogue of Constables of Dover Castle signed by Philipot himself.¹ It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Philipot made himself responsible for the preparation of certain folios containing charters which, if he had not himself prepared the text, would have been omitted from the book. Even so, it is hazardous to argue from a form of handwriting so stylized and so commonplace as that in which the charters on these folios are written.

*Precision in
the seal
tricking*

The Plate of seals included in the present edition shows well the pains with which the seals were tricked.² The seal of Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester and constable of Scotland, is a particularly fine piece of work, even showing the lugs which had held the seal and counterseal together. All the seals shown on the plate are either perfect or in reasonably good condition, so that a seal-tricker might delight in portraying them. But it is worth remarking that he showed as much care in drawing broken seals and fragments. Occasionally, probably when the seal was rubbed, the tricker was led by his enthusiasm to introduce detail which the original can never have borne. He portrayed Michael Belet, who held the manor of Sheen by a butler serjeanty, sitting on a wine cask in Jacobean doublet and hose (147). The original document still survives in the British Museum and a figure seated on a wine cask can be dimly seen on the seal. In regard to the clothes alone did the artist allow his imagination to direct his pencil. There was little danger that in an age acutely conscious of arms, heraldic devices would be inaccurately shown. A passage from the autobiography of Sir Simonds D'Ewes³ supports belief in the accuracy of the tricker.

*Sir Simonds
D'Ewes and
No. 407*

Sir Simonds tells how going home from the Tally Office at Westminster where he had spent Saturday morning copying Domesday Book, he called on Mr. William Neve, York Herald, who lent him an original deed of Richard Basset. Later, Mr. Neve gave the deed to Sir Simonds, who accounted it 'the most precious monument' in his library, and it was reproduced in the Book of Seals under his name (407). With the rest of his library it passed into the Harleian Collection and so into the British Museum.

'The seal', says Sir Simonds, 'hangs at the upper end, or beginning of the deed, in a strong label of thick white leather; the manner of it being so exotic and rare, as I never yet saw any other seal so affixed, but ever placed at the bottom of the deed. The seal itself is orbiculate and round, and of a great bigness and circumference,—the colour of it a bright auburn. The circumscription of it at first was, doubtless, SIGILLVM RICARDI BASSET, though the letters following, CARDI BAS, were only remaining when I received the same

¹ *Archaeologia Cantiana*, 1947, lx, 51 and 134.

² Opposite p. 80.

³ *The Autobiography and Correspondence of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, Bart.*, ed. J. O. Halliwell, London, 1845, ii. 73-6.

deed from Mr Neve. . . . And I am the rather persuaded that this seal was used by the said Richard Basset after he was the chief Justice of England, and as long as he continued in that place; because I have seen another deed of his with an ordinary round seal with a horseman upon it. . . . Upon the great orbiculate seal is seen a man armed in a coat of mail, the beaver of his headpiece open, holding on his left arm a great torqued shield, covering his body, with a cross on it, and five orbs or globes on the cross. . . . In the right hand of the said armed man was a sword, with which he had riven open the upper jaw of a griffin, and cut it almost through; which griffin is very lively portrayed on the seal, (though some part of it be broken since off) holding a naked child in his mouth, which by that means, it seems, was delivered from being devoured by that monster.'

At some length Sir Simonds develops the theme that the figure represents the Justiciar himself, the shield bearing his coat armour, and is 'a hieroglyphical allusion to his place of office'. The drawing of this seal in the Book of Seals is reproduced on Plate III. Both document and seal seem as unique to-day as they did to their fortunate recipient in the seventeenth century. His careful description of the seal, which is now almost obliterated by mending, is a welcome confirmation of the tricker's skill and honesty.

On the last ten folios in the Book of Seals, folios 119–28, an attempt was made to present a comprehensive view of the seals of English and Welsh boroughs and corporate institutions. The seals are shown under their county headings in alphabetical order of counties; first the English and then the Welsh shires. Each seal is depicted hanging from a scroll on which a description of the owner of the seal is written. From these descriptions it is clear that the seals are drawn from impressions attached to documents available to the draftsman. A list of the seals on each folio, with the descriptions written on the scrolls, is printed at the end of this Introduction. From this list it can be seen that the original plan in regard to the seals was never completed. Blank circles depend from some scrolls which bear descriptions evidently taken from deeds. From other scrolls nothing depends at all. It would seem from this that interest rather than material failed, and in all probability the plan proved too ambitious for completion. Nevertheless the book may well owe its title to these folios of seals with which it ends.

Folios 119–28, Seals of Boroughs and Corporate Bodies

That the title Book of Seals was used in the seventeenth century to describe this book is certain, for it recurs again and again in Roger Dodsworth's own handwriting in three of his manuscript volumes in the Bodleian Library, vols. 68, 90, and 100. Many charters which are to-day in the Book of Seals are entered in Dodsworth's volumes under the heading 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales', although they are rarely transcribed in the order in which they appear in the Book of Seals itself. Moreover, interspersed with them and under the same heading are charters which are not in the Book of Seals at all. In vol. 68 there are entered on folios 1–7 under the heading 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales' and in the following order Nos. 434, 38, 303, followed by an agreement not in the Book of Seals, then Nos. 298, 43, 42, 280, 286, 285, 297, 307, 40, and another charter not in the Book of Seals. The last two charters had both been printed by Augustine Vincent in his correction of the errors of his fellow herald, Ralf Brooke.¹ Dodsworth has put a reference to Vin-

Origin of title Book of Seals

in Dodsworth's MSS. vols. 68 and 90

¹ *A Discoverie of Errours in the first edition of the Catalogue of Nobility*, by Augustine Vincent, London, 1622, 399–400.

cent in the margin, but he does not make it clear whether he copied these two documents from Vincent or from the originals. Vol. 90 contains more transcripts from the Book of Seals than either vol. 68 or vol. 100. Folios 107–26 contain charters said to be in the Book of Seals, but not to be found there to-day. Folio 137 is again headed 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales', a heading which recurs several times between folios 137 and 151. The charters on these folios occur in the Book of Seals in the following order: No. 224, then a charter not in the Book of Seals, then Nos. 120, 121, 129, 135, 137, 131, 321, 365¹ (which is also described as 'ex cartis Willelmi le Neue custodia domini Hatton'), 97, 85, 77, 78, 73, 118, 157, 161, 143, 146, 130, 132, 133, 134, 128, 62, 88, 95, 302, 304, 306, 338, 241, 309, 314, 315, 343, 365,² 34, 98, 111, 113, 114, 152, 346, 400, 405, followed by a charter not in the Book of Seals which completes folio 149. Folio 150 is headed as from the Book of Seals, but the two charters it bears are not in the book. Folio 151 again bears the same heading, but again the charter on it is not in the Book of Seals. It is a confirmation in favour of Belvoir Priory which is printed in the Monasticon 'ex autographo in Bibliotheca Hattoniana.' The original is no longer at Belvoir, but a transcript of it is entered in the Belvoir Cartulary. Folios 153–7 contain the following charters under the Book of Seals heading: Nos. 251, 246, 208, 204, 203, 202, 205, 175, 177, 234, 236, 237, 233, 217, 220, 222, 179, 187, 198, 199, 195, 189, 174, 173, 219, 242, and finally a charter not in the Book of Seals, but printed in the Monasticon 'ex autographo in Bibliotheca Hattoniana'. On folio 158 are entered notes from another collection, but the dorse of the folio is again headed as from the book of Seals and contains No. 514, a charter of the empress Maud for Bordesley Abbey. On folio 159 Count Waleran's charter, which the empress confirmed, is transcribed, but it is not in the Book of Seals.

and in
Dodsworth's
MSS. vol.
100

Of the charters transcribed in vol. 100 a similar, but even more complicated, story must be told. Folios 71–6 contain, under the heading 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales', first a charter not in the book, followed by Nos. 406, 409, 418, 411, 412, 58, 422, 430, 416, which is the *inspeximus* of John Earl Warrene for Thetford priory. It runs over on to folio 77 and is immediately followed by a long run of charters which have a number of separate headings interspersed among them stating that some of these transcripts were taken from the Book of Seals and that some were from the muniments of the Constables, Viscounts of Dunbar. The charters themselves are derived from two separate families, each bearing the name Constable. One is the family of Constable of Flamborough and Holme on Spalding Moor, represented in 1640 by Sir William Constable, some of whose charters (Nos. 515–25) are in the Book of Seals. This family was an offshoot of the Constables of Chester, being descended from an illegitimate son of the second William the Constable who died before 1139.³ The other family is that of Constable of Halsham, of which the representative in 1640 was Henry Constable who had been created Viscount Dunbar in 1620. He died in 1645 of wounds received at the siege of Scarborough castle and was succeeded by his son

¹ Only the first words entered.

² Here transcribed in full. The first three words only are entered on folio 143v.

³ See note to No. 516.

John, who married, in September 1635,¹ Mary, daughter of Thomas Lord Brudenell of Deene, a near neighbour of Sir Christopher Hatton's at Kirby Hall. That there should in later centuries be some confusion between the muniments of two prominent East Yorkshire families each named Constable is not surprising.

The Book of Seals does not profess to contain any of the muniments of Henry Constable, Viscount Dunbar, but two of its charters, Nos. 520 and 521, attributed to Sir William Constable of Flamborough, are in reality charters of Robert ancestor of the Constables of Halsham, which had passed into the possession of Bridlington priory and thence, presumably, to the hands of the Constables of Flamborough. Dodsworth was clearly well aware of the pitfalls in regard to the Constables' Evidences and took care, by the headings he inserted, to indicate the source of his material. Below the earl of Warrene's charter on folio 77v. is the heading 'In cartis Johannis vicecomitis Dunbar 1648', and the same heading, but dated 17 September 1649, occurs on folio 78. It is hardly necessary to say that the charters under these headings are not in the Book of Seals. On folio 79 the Book of Seals heading precedes a charter of Erenburch of Burton, wife of Ulbert the Constable of Halsham, for Swine priory. It, too, is not in the Book of Seals. Erenburch's husband was the father of Robert the Constable, grantor of Nos. 520 and 521 in the Book of Seals. Maud the prioress and the convent of Swine exchanged the land given by Erenburch with Bridlington priory, which probably explains how Erenburch's charter had come into the possession of the Constables of Flamborough by the seventeenth century.² Erenburch's charter is followed by another heading 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales transcript' ex original' cartis penes dominum Henricum Constable militem vicecom' Dunbarr'. On folio 85 is another heading 'Ex cartis in custodia Henrici Constable militis vicecomitis Dunbarr 15 June 1641'. The charters under these two headings appear to be Constable of Halsham deeds and they are not in the Book of Seals. These headings and a less precise description 'From the Constables' Evidences' along the tops of each page cover the charters to the end of folio 91v. None of them is in the Book of Seals. But on folio 92 comes again 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales ex cartis Willelmi domini Constable nuper de Flamborough et Holme in Spaldingmore in com' Ebor' militis et baronetti', and then, following it, occur the charters numbered 515-19 and 522 and 523 in the Book of Seals. The general page heading 'From the Constables' Evidences' is continued on the dorse of each folio up to and including 95v. on which this series comes to an end.

It is impossible to escape the conclusion that a far larger selection of charters lay before Dodsworth when he made his extracts from the Book of Seals than is contained in it to-day. Two alternative inferences offer themselves. Either the Book of Seals was originally much larger than it is now, or its compilation was abandoned before all the charters deposited for inclusion in it could be dealt with by the draftsman. The latter alternative seems the more likely, for in at least three notable cases a charter which appears in Dodsworth's transcripts but is omitted from the Book of Seals has

*The Constable's
Evidences in
Dodsworth's
MSS. vol.
100*

*Dodsworth
and the Book
of Seals*

¹ *ex informatione* of Miss J. Wake.

² *EYC* iii. 77.

so close a connexion with a document in the Book of Seals that if entered there at all it is inconceivable that it should not have been entered on the same folio. If Earl Waleran's charter for Bordesley abbey had been entered in the Book of Seals it would surely have been associated with the charter of the empress Maud which confirms it (514). Again, the quitclaim to Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, of the marriage portion of the countess Rohesia by the countess herself and Geoffrey earl of Essex would surely have been put on the same folio with Henry II's charter to Earl Aubrey granting him the third penny of Oxfordshire that he might be earl thereof (40). The third example is even more significant. No. 298 is a charter of Gilbert de Gant for Geoffrey de Armenteres reducing for Geoffrey the knight service owed by his father from 10 knights to 8 as a marriage portion for Gilbert's daughter Juliana. In Dodsworth's transcripts this charter is preceded by a tripartite agreement between Gilbert de Gant, Henry de Armenteres, and Geoffrey de Armenteres, Henry's son, setting out in full the complicated arrangements which this marriage necessitated. The agreement is printed later in this Introduction.¹ Here it is only necessary to point out the intimate connexion between the two documents.

The outside limits of date given in the Book of Seals itself are November 1640 and November 1641, but as not all the collections are dated the work may have begun earlier and gone on later than these two dates suggest. In any case the collection of documents for the book must have been going on during the summer and autumn of 1640. A rich harvest of documents could be reaped in September 1640 in Sir Christopher Hatton's library. That so assiduous a gleaner as Dodsworth should fail to take advantage of the collection in a single library of records drawn from the length and breadth of England was unthinkable. He probably hastened to the spoils before the work was well begun. He was certainly working in the Hatton Library on 15 September 1640, for he headed his transcript of an *inspeximus* of Henry III for Coventry 'In carta originali sub sigillo in custodia Christoferi Hatton militis balnei de Kirkeby in comitatu Norhanton 15 September 1640'.² The charter is not in the Book of Seals. Dodsworth cannot have stayed long at Kirby Hall on this occasion, for he was at work on the Belvoir cartulary on 18 September and he was still at Belvoir on 20 September, going from there on into Lincolnshire. Dodsworth's itinerary, worked out by Sir Edmund Craster and Mr. Denholm-Young from notes in his manuscript collections, gives no hint of any other visit to Kirby Hall while the Book of Seals was in the making, but it is possible that he was at Kirby earlier in September, riding over from Belvoir, where he had been on 6 and on 12 September.³ By no means all the transcripts from the Book of Seals in Dodsworth's manuscripts are in his own handwriting, but the Book of Seals heading seems as a rule to have been written by Dodsworth himself. Brief visits to Kirby would have sufficed to instruct a copyist and to look over his work.

It is possible that he added some at least of the Book of Seals' references when

¹ pp. xxxvii-xxxviii.

² Dodsworth's MSS., vol. 85, p. 33.

³ *Roger Dodsworth (1585-1654) and his circle*. Reprinted from *Journal of the Yorks. Arch. Soc.*: xxxii, 29.

he was looking through the work of his copyist. Two of Dodsworth's additional references to individual charters clinch the argument that he was using the charters brought together at Kirby Hall for the Book of Seals. Above his note of No. 365 is written in the same hand as the note 'ex cartis Willelmi le Neue custodia domini Hatton'. No. 365 is among the charters of William le Neve reproduced in the Book of Seals. Henry II's confirmation of the agreement between Geldwin son of Savaric and Savaric his brother which appears in the Book of Seals (434) as in the Cottonian Library is transcribed in vol. 68 as 'In Sir Christopher Hatton's Booke of Seales' and also as 'ex originali penes Tho. Cotton baronett'. It is perhaps fortunate that Dodsworth preferred the neat proleptic title 'Sir Christopher Hatton's Book of Seals' to a more accurate but longer description giving both the owner of the charter and its temporary place of custody, for he has given us the perfect title for the present book.

At this point it becomes necessary to consider three fundamental questions: what was the original plan of the Book of Seals, when was it conceived, and how nearly was it carried to completion? The originator of the plan, Sir Christopher Hatton, was a Northamptonshire gentleman of position whose seat was at Kirby Hall. He was a first cousin twice removed of Queen Elizabeth's lord chancellor of the same name, for his great-grandfather was a younger brother of the chancellor's father. Sir Christopher Hatton was an outstanding member of the group of antiquaries who up to the opening years of the Civil War were actively engaged in the collection and transcription of medieval records. Some of them worked in this field throughout the miseries of the times, but others were forced by their position to turn their attention to politics. Sir Christopher Hatton supported the king, was created Baron Hatton of Kirby in July 1643, and took his oath as Comptroller of the Household on 29 December of the same year. He remained with the king until Charles I left Oxford to join the Scottish army in April 1646. Foreseeing the coming surrender, Sir Christopher sent his son, afterwards the first Viscount Hatton, away from Oxford on 23 April 1646. Lord Hatton and the marquis of Dorchester were the only two members of the Council who refused to join in the demand, made on 15 May 1646, that overtures for the surrender of Oxford should be made to Sir Thomas Fairfax, the Parliamentary commander. For Lord Hatton to remain in England was impossible and on 24 November 1646 he went from London to Dover and reached Calais three days later. In September 1656, after considerable difficulty, he obtained leave from the Commonwealth government to reside in England on account of his financial difficulties. He died in 1670.

Sir Christopher Hatton

These details are recorded in the diary of the most eminent of Sir Christopher's literary associates, William Dugdale of Blyth Hall in Shustoke, Warwickshire,¹ whose part in the compilation and subsequent preservation of the Book of Seals was by no means the least among his innumerable services to English history. Born in 1605, Dugdale was a man of standing in the antiquarian circles of 1640. He was respected for his energy and enthusiasm, and he was already showing that ability to plan research with a view to ultimate publication, which distinguishes him from many contemporaries

William Dugdale

¹ *The Life, Diary, and Correspondence of Sir William Dugdale*, ed. W. Hamper, London, 1827.

of equal learning. As early as 1636 Dugdale in a letter to Sir Symon Archer was adumbrating a series of county histories.¹ The first meeting of Dugdale with Sir Christopher Hatton took place in 1635 during the momentous visit to London that Dugdale made with Sir Symon. Dugdale thus describes the occasion in his autobiography:

'Hereupon conversing sometimes with Mr Lilly', (the arms painter) 'he there accidentally met with Mr Richard Gascoygne, a Yorkshire gentleman, who also stood much affected to those studies, specially as to matter of Pedegree . . . who having great interest with S^r Christopher Hatton of Kirby in the county of North'ton, Kt of the Bathe (afterwards created L^d Hatton) a person highly affected to Antiquities, and who had not spared from any cost in gayning sundry choyse Collections from our publiq^t Records, Leiger-bookes, antient Charters, and divers old manuscripts, brought Mr Dugdale to that most worthy person (then lodging at an Apothecaries-house without Temple Barr) by whom he was welcom'd, with all expressions of kindness, with readiness to further him in these his Studyes.'²

The acquaintance thus made ripened quickly. On 15 November 1637 Sir Symon Archer, writing from Banbury to Dugdale in London, sent his 'dew respects to S^r Christopher Hatton, and the rest of o^r good Frindes that are lovers of Antiquities'.³ Dugdale replied on 28 November saying that he had been 'very full of imployment in transcribing many excellent things . . . I think I shall hardly gett out of London till Munday next, for S^r Christofer Hatton is earnest with me to stay for many respects. My stay in London hath by his meanes infinitely furthered o^r buisnesse, and we are greatly beholding to him.'³ Of Dugdale, Sir Christopher wrote to Sir Symon in December 'I find him so laborious and dexterous that I hope you will speed him with as much expedition as may be . . . I assure you had I such a helper as hee in North'shire, I would not rest a yeare from the presse.'⁴ On 17 January 1638 Dugdale wrote to Sir Symon that he was setting out to London in response to a letter from Sir Christopher 'earnestly hastninge' him to come 'by Saturday next at the farthest'.⁵ In February Dugdale wrote that he was Sir Christopher's guest.⁶ In a long letter to Sir Symon in May he said: Sir Christopher 'hath used me most nobly and beyond my expectation or deservinge, in affoarding me my dyet gratis with him, both the last termes, soe long as he was in London.' Sir Christopher and Sir Thomas Shirley 'with many others of that kinde, lovers of Antiquitye' sent their greetings to Sir Symon by Dugdale in the same letter.⁷

*Antiquitas
Rediviva
1 May 1638*

Mr. C. E. Wright has drawn my attention to the agreement made on 1 May in this year, 1638, between Sir Edward Dering, Sir Christopher Hatton, Sir Thomas Shirley, and Mr. Dugdale.⁸ They called it *Antiquitas Rediviva*, and under twenty headings they set out the aims of the association and the rules by which they should work. In order to avoid duplicating their labours they divided the field and set out the particular aspect of antiquarian research in which each of them should engage. They agreed 'that Sir Christopher Hatton shall take care to collect and register all old rolles of armes

¹ Hamper, London, 1827, p. 155.

² Ibid. 11.

³ Ibid. 169.

⁴ Ibid. 170.

⁵ Ibid. 173.

⁶ Ibid. 176.

⁷ Ibid. 182, 184.

⁸ 'On the Surrenden Charters', L. B. Larking, *Archaeologia Cantiana*, 1858, i. 55-8.

and old parchment bookes of armes¹ . . . that Sir Thomas Shirley shall collect and enter . . . all patentees and copyes of new grantes or confirmacons of armes and creastes . . . that Sir Edward Dering do gather and compose a full, compleate booke of armes, by way of ordinary . . . that Mr Dugdale do collect and copy all armorial seales, with a breviat of ye deedes and ye true dimensions of ye seales'. In order that the 'many useful and pleasurable notes' which passed between them might be used to the fullest advantage they arranged that each member of the group should mark 'every severall booke, roll, treatise, deede, etc in his library' with a distinctive personal mark. Each member took either his arms or some part of them as his mark. They agreed that when one of them received from another a note or transcript of a document he should at once put the sender's mark upon it. The sender of every note was to take care that all his notes were written '(as neare as may be) in ye same paper for size of bignes as he first shall use, whether ye note sent do fill ye whole sheete or but a line therein'. Had Sir Christopher in May 1638 conceived the idea which in time produced the Book of Seals it is probable that this agreement would have contained some hint of it, but the plan of making such a book might very easily develop out of the task laid upon Mr. Dugdale.

There survives among Dugdale's manuscripts at the Bodleian Library a note-book² which contains just what might be expected to result from an undertaking 'to collect and copy all armoriall seales, with a breviat of ye deedes, and ye true dimensions of ye seales'. The title of the book, like everything else in it, is in Dugdale's own hand and runs 'Transcripta et analecta quaedam a diversis autographis necnon sigillorum eisdem appendentium exemplaria per me Willelmum Dugdale Norroy Regis Armorum'. The Patent granting Dugdale the office of Norroy did not pass until 1660, long after the majority of the entries were made in this note-book, although Dugdale occasionally added to its contents in the fifties and sixties of the century. One charter is even dated as late as 1678. Almost every entry is carefully dated in red ink and the owner of the document is named. Dugdale's fastidious scholarship is nowhere better shown than in the neat and exact entries in this book. The earliest were made in 1636, but by far the greatest number in 1637 and 1638. The book is a slim vellum-covered paper volume, $10\frac{2}{3} \times 8\frac{1}{5}$ in. It contains 144 pages, some of which are blank. The numbering is consecutive from front to back of the folios. At the end are indexes of persons and places also made by Dugdale. The pages are crowded closely with notes of charters and deeds with precise drawings of the seals, transcripts, and drawings alike

*Forewoks of
The Book
of Seals*

¹ Although this particular agreement was in all probability no more than the result of an evening's talk, Sir Christopher at any rate maintained his interest in collecting rolls of arms until late in life. Gregory King describes in his autobiography how he entered the service of Lord Hatton on the recommendation of Mr. Dugdale in whose service he was. Lord Hatton 'at this time [1667] was designing a collection of grants, and the arms, quarterings, and supporters of the Nobility in which this our Herald was employed, and in some other collections, for the space of a year and a half, viz. from the Summer 1667 to spring 1668-9. But the materials for those collections not being so easie to be procured as was expected,

the design fell, and our Herald was dismissed with great promises of what kindness lay in his lordship's power to do him.' (J. Dalloway, *Inquiries into the origin and progress of the science of heraldry in England, 1792*, xxix-xxx.) Mr. Anthony Wagner, Richmond Herald, informs me that in a forthcoming volume, a *Catalogue of English Mediaeval Rolls of Arms*, he discusses 'the Hatton-Dugdale facsimiles generally with particular reference to facsimiles of Rolls of Arms now at the Society of Antiquaries, at pages xxii-xxv.'

² MS. Dugdale 17. I am deeply indebted to Mr. L. F. Salzman for calling my attention to this manuscript.

obviously the work of one hand. With few exceptions, the red ink references and dates are written close beneath the breviate of the deed, and when a charter has passed to another owner since Dugdale saw it he notes and dates the change. Most of the charters recorded in this book were in Warwickshire country houses or houses to which Dugdale could get access in neighbouring shires. The collections of Sir Christopher Hatton on 3 November 1639 are represented by nine documents apparently derived from the archives of the see of Coventry and Lichfield, and on 9 April 1642 Dugdale entered a charter of Thomas of Arden then in Sir Christopher's hands. In the fifties he transcribed one or two documents from the Cottonian Library. But Dugdale, like all students of English charters after him, could not resist the beauty of a twelfth-century document. His breviate tend to become not only full transcripts, but facsimiles of the whole document.¹ From every point of view this book can be regarded as a forework of the Book of Seals. One who for his own delight could make this book would rejoice at the opportunity of compiling for a rich man a collection on more lavish and inclusive lines.

The only direct reference to the making of the Book of Seals in Dugdale's published correspondence occurs in the postscript of a letter from him to Sir Symon Archer in which he says

*Dugdale to
Sir Symon
Archer*

'Sir Chr. Hatton is upon a collection of rare charters and deedes, I meane the copyinge of them in the letter, observinge the shape of the deede. He hath allready made a good progresse therin, which I know you will not only approve but admire. I pray you bring wth you some of your choycest, I meane such as are most historicall or observable, eyther antient or other, especially that of Wm the Conq. and of Siward de Arden (though the Seale be gone;) your Bull for the Chappell is a good one; and what other you think fitt. It will be noe little honour to you amongst such a collection to be mencioned. My Lo. Marshall is exceedingly delighted therewith.'²

This letter was written in March 1641 from Blyth Hall. Dugdale was about to go to London 'to lodge at my chamber in the Office of Armes' and in his letter arranged to meet Sir Symon Archer at Banbury that he might have his 'good companye to London'. None of the charters referred to by Dugdale are in the Book of Seals, nor is Sir Symon Archer's collection represented there.

When he came to write his autobiography Dugdale said nothing of this collection of deeds, but in an often-quoted passage he described the making of what must be regarded as a companion volume to the Book of Seals.

*The Book of
Monuments*

'The sayd Mr Dugdale, receiving encouragement from Sr Christopher Hatton before-mentioned, then a member of the House of Commons, who timely foresaw the neere approaching storme, in Summer a^o 1641, taking with him one Mr William Sedgwick, a skylfull Armes-paynter, repared first to the Cathedrall of St Paul in the City of London, and next to the Abby-Church of Westminster, and there making exact draughts of all the Monuments in each of them, copyed the Epitaphs, according to the very Letter: as alsoe all Armes in the Windows, or cutt in stone. And having so done rode to Peterborow in North'ton-

¹ Dugdale's tendency to facsimile twelfth-century charters and, when the seal survived, to draw it is also shown in other volumes of his manuscript collections, e.g. vol. 13, pp. 106, 149, 155, 268, 297, 361, 445, 449. The practice, followed in many cases in the Book of Seals, of giving the first few words of a charter in facsimile also occurs in Dugdale's manuscripts.

Dugdale frequently facsimiled the names of the grantor, grantee, and witnesses, e.g. vol. 13, pp. 212 and 213. It was his general practice, too, to use red ink for references and occasionally to call attention to names by underlining them in red.

² Hamper, 203.

shire, Ely, Norwich, Lincolne, Newarke upon Trent, Beverley, Suthwell, Kingston upon Hull, Yorke, Selby, Chester, Litchfeild, Tamworth, Warwick: and did the like in all those Cathedrall, Collegiate, Conventuall, and divers other Parochiall Churches, wherein any Tombes or Monuments were to be found; to the end that the memory of them, in case of that ruine then imminent, might be preserved for future and better times.¹

Like the Book of Seals this volume, known to its owners as 'the Dugdale Book', is now in the possession of the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham.

In 1658 Dugdale published his *History of St Paul's Cathedral*, which he prefaced by a dedicatory letter to 'the Right Honourable Christopher Lord Hatton Comptroller of the Household to the late king Charles and one of his Majesties most honourable Privy Council'. He dated his letter from Blyth Hall on 7 July 1657 and in it he reminded

*The History
of St. Paul's
Cathedral*

'your Lo^{pp} that soone after the beginning of our late Long Parliament (of which you were then a member) so great was your foresight of what we have since by wofull experience seen and felt, and specially in the Church, (through the Presbyterian contagion, which then began violently to breake out) that you often and earnestly incited me to a speedy view of what Monuments I could, especially in the principall Churches of this Realme; to the end, that by Inke and paper, the Shadows of them, with their Inscriptions might be preserved for posteritie, forasmuch the things themselves were so neer unto ruine.

'But how little I then credited this sad Prediction, your Lordship well knows: yet so much was I ever inclined to the regard of such things that . . . (through the noble favour of your Lordship in affording me assistance by another hand and support to us both, in our travaile, whilst we laboured therein) I neglected no pains to take notice of those which were then here, and in many other Cathedralls.'

Could the Book of Seals have been brought to completion similar sentiments might well have been expressed about the dangers to the charters portrayed upon its pages.

Dugdale's letters show that his search for monuments was in progress in the summer of 1640, a year earlier than the date given in his autobiography. In August 1640 he wrote to Sir Symon Archer from Packington, Warwickshire:

'Beinge the last night returned home from my Cheshire journey, and willinge to take all advantage of S^r Christopher Hatton's servant who hath bin with me to trick the Armes, Pictures in Windowes, and Monuments of the familie, for which I have bin employed; I thought it good to take him to Warwick, where soe many rare and speciall peeces of that nature are, as noe parte of our countrye nor much of this Kingdome, can paralell. And therefore have resolved to be there wth him to morrow by nyne of the clock, and to stay Fryday, soe that he may from thence goe home into Northamptonshire on Saturday. This beinge my determinacion, I have herewth adventured the boldnesse to lett you understand the same, soe that if you would please to give meetinge there (in case yo^r occasions may p'mitt) we might visitt Mr Throckmorton at Haseley, or Mr Beufoe, beinge not farr distant, and soe make some further discoverye of those Antiquities wch they themselves I suppose are ignorant of.'²

*Collections in
Warwickshire*

No doubt Dugdale was mainly concerned with his projected *History of Warwickshire* in thus planning to collect evidences at Haseley. His success is reflected in the Book of Seals, where nine charters are entered under the heading 'Ex cartis Clementis Throckmorton de Haseley in comitatu Warr' armigeri anno 1640' (506–14). Before Dugdale went on the Cheshire journey he had written in July to Sir Symon urging him to 'borrow Mr Broomes Deedes till my returne out of Cheshire', concluding his letter 'Loose not yo^r opportunitye with Mr Broome, for the deedes are very rare ones which

¹ Ibid. 14.

² Ibid. 199.

he hath'.¹ Nos. 525 and 526, both of them of doubtful authenticity, are headed 'Ex cartis Roberti Brome de Wodelowe in comitatu Warr' generosi anno 1640'. No. 528 in the Book of Seals offers another example of the way in which Dugdale kept both projects in mind, and collected for both in this period of his life. It is entered there under the heading 'Ex autographo penes . . . Stanton de Wolwardington in com. Warr' anno 1640'. The same charter is cited in the *History of Warwickshire* with precisely the same reference 'Ex autog. penes . . . Stanton gen.'²

*The headlines
of the folios*

At the end of this Introduction is set out a page-by-page description of the book, giving the headlines and the numbers of the charters on each page. The men who planned the book were working for the benefit of posterity. They regarded the headlines as offering proof to future generations of the provenance of the deeds shown below them. The pencil note above No. 37 on folio 10 shows the importance that was attached to these headings. There was some uncertainty as to the owner of the charter, which must, presumably, have reached the collection by the agency of 'Mr Allen the paynter', doubtless the arms painter referred to by Dugdale in his letter to Sir Simonds D'Ewes 27 February 1640.³ Along the top of the folio is written in pencil 'Enquire of Mr Allen the paynter in whose hand to vouch this deede'. The hand is very like Dugdale's. Such pencil notes of direction for the draftsman are often almost illegible; on some pages they only survive as a faint shadow on the parchment, sometimes they have vanished altogether, but occasionally the note is clear and, as in this case, its writing suggests the hand of Dugdale.

*The Bull of
Dudley and
William
Ward*

How long the charters stayed in Sir Christopher Hatton's library is another matter of doubt and speculation, but some of them seem to have been there still in 1651. In April of that year Dodsworth wrote from London to Dugdale: 'My Lady Hatton is not yet in towne, but expected dayly. My Lord Brudenell hath liberty to make choice of any bookes with her: if you would send a note to him wher to find the Bull of Dudley, and other thinges you hold necessary for my worke, Hee would do it in tyme, lest she be come away before your Passe come to your handes.'⁴ The 'Passe' was Dugdale's permission from the government to travel more than a mile from his own home.⁵ He had been in Warwickshire since the summer of 1649 and Dodsworth was anxious to have him in London to help with the *Monasticon*. In May 1651 Dodsworth wrote again saying: 'I cannot possibly get the passe, for all my Cosen and I can do . . . My Lady Hatton is in Towne . . . She hath allowed my Lo. Brud. to looke and make use of the bookes. I wish you would give any directions for finding the Bull of Dudley, and I would put him upon itt.'⁶ The Bull of Dudley is without doubt No. 59 of the Book of Seals. It is unlikely that Dodsworth secured another look at the original in 1651, for the reference to it in the *Monasticon* is dated 1640, which must mean that the transcript was made when the document was being used for the Book of Seals.

¹ Hamper, 198.

² 1765 ed. 467.

³ Hamper, 195-6. I am indebted to Mr. Anthony Wagner, Richmond Herald, for a reference to the *History of The Painter Stainers' Company of London*, by W. A. D. Englefield, 1923, which shows that John Allen was an Arms painter who on

3 March 1662 was one of the representatives of the company summoned before the Lords Commissioners for the Office of Earl Marshal, apparently to answer complaints by the Heralds of the breach of an agreement made with the painters, *ibid.* 120.

⁴ Hamper, 254.

⁵ *Ibid.* 97.

⁶ *Ibid.* 254-5.

The heading in the Book of Seals above the Dudley Bull is 'Ex cartis Willelmi Ward de castro de Dudley armigeri Marc' 1640'. The *Monasticon* inaccurately gives the owner's name as 'Edward Ward'. William Ward was a London goldsmith who on 1628 had taken over the estates of the impoverished Edward Sutton or Dudley, together with his grand-daughter and heiress, Frances, who was married to William Ward's son, Humble Ward. Frances was raised to the rank of a daughter of a baron in 1635, and when her grandfather, Edward Sutton, died in 1643 her husband was created Baron Dudley. Humble Ward died in 1670 and Frances in 1697, when their son Edward inherited the title and lands.¹

Dodsworth himself contributed charters to the collection for the Book of Seals, for Nos. 460 to 489 are headed 'Penes Rogerum Dodsworth de comitatu Eboracensi generosum September 1641'. But it is very doubtful if these charters were permanently in his possession. Five of them are printed in the *Monasticon*; of these No. 470 is marked as 'ex autographo penes Sam. Roper'. The reference given for Nos. 468, 473, and 474 is 'ex cod. MS in Scacc. penes Remem. Regis'. No. 484 is described as 'ex autographo in bibl. Hattoniana'. It was in 1635 'at the lodgings of Mr Samuell Roper in Lincolnes Inne' that Dugdale and Dodsworth first met and 'readily engaged themselves to prosecute the gayning what Transcripts they could' for the furtherance of the work of monastic foundations begun by Mr. Dodsworth, 'but still, with this reservation, that Mr Dugdale would not neglect his Collections touching the Antiquities of Warwickshire'.² All three men were avid collectors of manuscripts in an age of collectors, some of whom were none too scrupulous in their pursuit of a desired document. Nos. 468, 470, 473, 474 are all charters of Mottisfont priory in Hampshire founded by William Briwerre, one of the leading ministers of King John. Whether the *Monasticon* account of that priory was the work of Dodsworth or Dugdale cannot now be decided, nor the date when it was written, nor from what book in the Exchequer the charters were taken. It is certain that Hampshire charters can only have come into Dodsworth's possession by gift, loan, or purchase. He may well have parted with them to secure others or deposited them permanently in Sir Christopher Hatton's library. That he should have given No. 470 to Samuel Roper was natural, for it is a confirmation by Pain of Chaworth, in whom as a Derbyshire man Samuel Roper would have been interested.

*Dodsworth's
charters Nos.
460-89*

That one of Dodsworth's deeds is quoted in the *Monasticon* as from an original in the Hattonian Library suggests that he had not removed it after he deposited it for the Book of Seals. Five other deeds in the Book of Seals are quoted in the *Monasticon* as from an original in the Hattonian Library,³ and one 'ex rotulo pervetusto' there.⁴ Reference to an original in the Hattonian Library is given in the case of a number of charters in the *Monasticon* which are not in the Book of Seals.⁵ One of these charters, that of Waleran count of Meulan for Bordesley abbey, has been quoted already as

*in bibliotheca
Hattoniana*

¹ *CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 482-3.

² Hamper, 10-11.

³ Nos. 195, 219, 222, 365, 444.

⁴ No. 130.

⁵ e.g. *Mon.* iii. 578, 617; v. 318, 410, 653, 696; vi. 520, 558.

entered in volume 90 of Dodsworth's MSS. under the heading 'Sir Christopher Hatton's Book of Seals'. It would therefore seem certain that Dugdale and Dodsworth used for the *Monasticon* charters originally deposited in the Hattonian Library for the Book of Seals giving the library as the reference.¹ When individual charters were examined for the purpose of the *Monasticon* cannot be known with certainty, but it is at least arguable that it was later than the months during which the charters were being used for the Book of Seals, since that title is never given by the *Monasticon* as a reference. It may be that by the time they were used for the *Monasticon* the project of the Book of Seals had been long laid aside and forgotten. It may even be that the rightful owner of the charters too had in many cases been forgotten.

*The Book left
unfinished*

The production of these folios of charters must have been a slow and delicate business. That the original plan was to give precise facsimiles of all the deeds which could be collected is made clear by Dugdale's letter to Sir Symon Archer. Before long the implications of this stupendous task were recognized and a compromise was adopted. Partial facsimiles of deeds not regarded as of the first importance were given and documents from the later Middle Ages, which did not seem far away in 1640, were treated with less precision. Some pages, notably those containing the end of the Philipot collection, show signs of hurried work and are obviously unfinished. Some pages, always the backs of folios, are blank. The pages of seals at the end of the book were never completed. The title 'Book of Seals' preserved by Dodsworth must have been the name used by those who were actually working on the book in the autumn of 1640. Had they been able to complete their plan, including the provision of bold scarlet headlines attesting the ownership of the deeds beneath them, a scholar who wished to refer to these documents might justifiably have cited them under the title of the book rather than by the names of the individual owners. Dodsworth, anticipating the completion of the work, adopted this method of reference. When the plan was abandoned the title, too, was dropped.

The reason

There is no need to seek elaborate explanations for the abandonment of the work. The storm foreseen by Sir Christopher Hatton broke in 1642. In his autobiography Dugdale records that on 19 March 1642 the king, prince, and duke of York betook themselves for safety to the city of York, while the queen went to her relatives in France.² On 1 June Dugdale was summoned, by virtue of his office as Rouge-Croix Pursuivant of Arms, 'forthwith to repare thither' to the king. About the middle of July he received further command to 'attend the right Ho^b^{le} Spenser Earle of North'ton, then L^d Lieu^t of the County of Warwick'.² The castles of Banbury, over the Oxfordshire border, and Warwick being held for the Parliament, the earl obtained the royal warrant dated 4 August 1642 directed to Dugdale and commanding him to summon the two castles to surrender. 'In his Coat of Armes, wth Trumpets sounding before him' Dugdale rode up to Banbury castle and read the summons.³ Banbury was accord-

¹ One must avoid the fallacy of assuming that all charters quoted in the *Monasticon* as in the Hatton Library were put there for the Book of Seals.

² Hamper, 14-15.

³ Ibid. 16.

ingly given up; but Dugdale's summons was refused by the governor of Warwick castle, Sir Edward Peto of Chesterton, who had provided one of his charters for the Book of Seals (529). Dugdale remained in attendance upon the king until after the battle of Edge Hill and the march on London. Then Oxford being made the king's chief garrison, Dugdale settled there and was admitted Master of Arts on 1 November 1642. By the king's command Dugdale stayed at Oxford until it was surrendered to the rebels about 26 June 1646, his own estate in the country being sequestered all that time. Although in 1644 he went to Worcester to seek materials for his work,¹ there is no evidence that he visited Kirby Hall again before the surrender of Oxford.

The fate of the unfinished Book of Seals can be dimly discerned from an entry which Dugdale made in his diary under the year 1663, over twenty years after work on the book had been abandoned. 'Of those sheets in parchm^t belonging to my L. Hatton, wherein divers antient Deeds are transcribed, there are in number 68.'² Even without removing the present binding from the Book of Seals—a process unlikely to yield any conclusive result—it is possible to establish a reasonable relationship between the 68 sheets of parchment in Dugdale's hands in 1663 and the 128 folios of the Book of Seals. Of these 128 folios, 118 contain copies of charters and 10 contain drawings of seals. There is reason to believe that the charters were entered on large sheets of parchment which could be folded into two down the middle for the purpose of making up into a book. The employment of such double sheets for some at least of the charters, notably Nos. 59, 416, and 420, was made necessary by their size. It seems highly probable that the 118 folios of charters now in the Book of Seals consisted in 1663 of 59 of these large double sheets of parchment and that the remaining 10 folios of the Book of Seals, containing the drawings of the seals, made up the number of sheets in Dugdale's hands in 1663 to 68. Seals take less space than charters and would naturally be depicted on the more easily manageable single sheets, or folios, of parchment. To make the numbers correspond precisely with Dugdale's 68 it is only necessary to assume that one of the pieces of parchment containing drawings of seals was a large double sheet, into which the rest of the pieces on which seals were drawn could be slipped. If this argument can be accepted, nothing has been lost of the work done in 1640 and 1641.

*The Book of
Seals in 1663*

It is unlikely that Dugdale carried the Book of Seals away from Kirby before the troubles broke out in 1642. The first entry in Dugdale's diary after his account of the surrender of Oxford implies that the writer was at Kirby Hall. Under the date 9 September, nearly twelve weeks after his last entry, Dugdale notes: 'Mr Gunning came to Kirby as Tutor to Mr Ch. Hatton and Mr Compton.'³ It was not until 24 November that Lord Hatton went from London to Dover on his way to exile.³ The months between June and November, when Dugdale made no entries in his diary, offered time for the packing up of deeds, books, and manuscripts at Kirby in preparation for departure. In the ten years of Lord Hatton's exile Dugdale visited Kirby on several occasions. He evidently acted in some sort as an agent for Lord Hatton during these

*Dugdale and
Kirby Hall
1646–57*

¹ Ibid. 21.

² Ibid. 112.

³ Ibid. 93.

years. Lying in a valley near which there runs the medieval and modern road from Northampton to Stamford, Kirby Hall was not difficult of access for a horseman who frequently travelled between Warwickshire and London. In 1648 Dugdale escorted Lady Hatton to France at the end of May. He stayed with Lord Hatton until the end of July, when he set out for home again. He landed at Dover on 4 August and went by way of Canterbury, Gravesend, London, Woburn to Kirby Hall, which he reached on 12 August. On 15 August he was home at Blyth Hall. In August 1649 again he went home from London by way of Kirby, reaching there on 11 August and Blyth Hall on 16 August. On 18 August 1651 Dugdale records that he was forced to acknowledge a recognizance of £1,000 not to depart above a mile from his own house. But in 1652 he notes that on 1 May he went from home with Mr. Dodsworth to Kirby. He left Kirby on 3 May. On 14 October he visited Kirby on his way from Blyth Hall to London, going on from Kirby to Luton on 18 October. On 13 January 1653 he went from London to Woburn; on 14 January he went on to Kirby, leaving it on 17 January. The almanacks in which Dugdale jotted down these notes have not survived for the years 1654, 1655, and 1656. In August 1657 Dugdale visited Lord Hatton at Kirby.¹ On any one of these visits Dugdale may have carried away with him the parchment sheets which are now the Book of Seals. In 1663, as has been noted, they were in his charge at Blyth Hall. At some time, by Dugdale or his executors, they were sent back to Kirby Hall, where they remained unbound until the nineteenth century.

*Baker and the
Book of Seals*

There is no evidence that the Book of Seals was used again until George Baker of Northampton was writing his history of Northamptonshire.² Baker was born in 1781, less than a hundred years after Dugdale's death, and he lived on into the reign of Queen Victoria, dying in 1851. Lord Winchilsea, the tenth earl, lent the Book of Seals to Baker, who cited in his history thirteen of the charters. The book was still unbound and Baker refers to it as 'the Hatton portfolio of deeds'. Baker's pencil notes of village names still remain on some of the folios. Only in the case of No. 54 does the reference number given by Baker agree with the present numbering of the charters in the Book of Seals. As the footnote below shows,³ Baker's reference number sometimes approximates to the present number of the charter. The divergence is due to the renumbering of the charters consequent on the rearrangement of the folios when the book was bound. Baker also cited No. 271 as in the possession of G. W. Finch Hatton, Esq., of Kirby. He is probably referring to the Book of Seals rather than the original deed.

¹ Hamper, 94-101.

² *The History and Antiquities of the County of Northampton*.
2 vols. London, 1822-41.

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BS No.	Baker's No.	Baker's vol. and p.
54	54	i. 724
70	85	ii. 119
117	121	i. 592
131	135	i. 749
161	162	ii. 111
174	—	i. 322

BS No.	Baker's No.	Baker's vol. and p.
235	—	ii. 108
251	249	i. 620
270	254	i. 651-2
279	280	i. 651
286	327	ii. 111
364	—	i. 650
401	349	i. 588

For three of his thirteen citations from BS Baker gives no number as reference.

When Baker was writing in the first half of the nineteenth century Kirby Hall had entered on its last phase as an inhabited house. The son of Sir Christopher of the Book of Seals lived until 1706, making Kirby his home and beautifying its garden. His son the second Viscount and third Baron Hatton lived mainly in London. He died unmarried in 1760, and his brother and successor died, also unmarried, two years later, when the title became extinct and the property passed to his half-sister. In 1764 Edward Finch Hatton, son of the half-sister of the last two Viscounts Hatton of Kirby, inherited the estate. In 1769 he also inherited Eastwell Park in Kent and he died in 1771. His son George rebuilt Eastwell but also lived partly at Kirby, for his son George William was born there in 1791. He is the G. W. Finch Hatton, Esq. to whom Baker refers. He succeeded to the earldoms of Winchelsea and Nottingham in 1826, being the tenth earl of Winchelsea. There seems to be no one day when the decision to abandon Kirby was taken. Concrete information about the last years of Kirby Hall as an inhabited house is difficult to find. Lady Gunning, whose father, the Rev. W. R. Finch Hatton, was born in 1827, remembers hearing from him that he used, as a boy, to visit his cousins at Kirby. She thinks that the house ceased to be inhabited between 1837 and 1847, after which date it quickly fell into ruin. The Office of Works accepted the guardianship of Kirby Hall in 1929.¹

*The fate of
Kirby Hall*

It was probably through the interest in the book shown by Baker that the binding of it was undertaken. I must again record my indebtedness to Mr. C. E. Wright, who wrote to me on 30 July 1949 saying that 'on Friday afternoon' in the course of examining a number of uncatalogued manuscripts at the Society of Antiquaries he had discovered 'a small note-book in the handwriting of Sir Frederick Madden who was Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum from 1837 to 1866'. On the first leaf of the note-book is written:

*Sir Frederick
Madden and
the binding of
the book*

'Notes from a vellum MS containing facsimile-copies of Ancient Charters, with drawings of the Seals made for Christopher, Lord Hatton in the xviith century now in the possession of Lord Winchelsea. (November) 1831.

'It was lent by Lord W. to Geo. Baker Esq. of Northampton, in whose hands I saw it [signed] F.M.'

'In June 1858 this MS. was placed in my hands by the next Lord Winchelsea for the purpose of being bound, and I rearranged the sheets.'

The eleventh earl, at whose directions the volume was bound, succeeded to the title in January 1858. Sir Frederick Madden took notes from the early pages of the manuscript, but after he had proceeded as far as folio 54 he adds: 'I didn't proceed further with these Notes F.M.' On a folded sheet of blue paper, dated 1858, Madden listed the charters in the order in which he found them. He brought together, as far as possible, the charters from the same collections, bringing, for example, three groups of Dodsworth's charters into one. He then corrected his original numbering in pencil on this blue paper. Madden says that he added fresh numbers in red ink in the manuscript itself, but there is now no sign of any red ink numbering on

¹ For an account of Kirby at the present day see the *Official Guide to Kirby Hall*, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1947.

the pages of the Book of Seals. The folio numbers are in black pencil. Traces of previous numbering in ink can often be discerned, but these numbers seem to refer as a rule to an enumeration of small runs of folios rather than of all the folios in the book.

Even before Mr. Wright found Sir Frederick Madden's note-book at the Society of Antiquaries it had become apparent that Madden had seen the Book of Seals. In his edition of the *Cartularium Saxonicum* (1885) Birch printed a text of No. 440 in the Book of Seals, giving collations from six versions of that document.¹ One of them was Dugdale's version in the *Monasticon* 'from an autograph copy in the Arundel Library'. The last of the six was 'Sir Frederick Madden's collation of D'—that is, Dugdale's text—'with a manuscript copy (1640) in Lord Winchelsea's possession'. Madden also secured photographs of Nos. 428 and 432 for the Manx historian Dr. Oliver who was engaged on the preparation of his book *Monumenta de Insula Manniae*.² It was unfortunate that Dr. Oliver was under the impression that the originals of those deeds survived in the 'Cottonian MSS.', but that he could be thus mistaken is another testimony to the verisimilitude of the facsimiles in the Book of Seals.

In the same year that the sheets of parchment were entrusted to Sir Frederick Madden for binding, 1858, the Rev. Lambert Blackwell Larking, Hon. Secretary of the Kent Archaeological Society, contributed to the proceedings of that Society an article on the Surrenden Charters in which he printed the agreement called *Antiquitas Rediviva* to which reference has already been made.³ In a note appended to this article the author refers both to the Book of Monuments and the Book of Seals, recording that he was indebted to the kindness of his 'valued friend Sir Frederick Madden' for the information contained in the note. Mr. Larking was proud to be able to say that these two volumes were at that time preserved 'in our own county, in the collection of the Earl of Winchelsea, the representative of the Hattons'. In 1862 at a meeting of the Archaeological Institute Lord Winchelsea exhibited 'three large volumes from the Hatton Library, now preserved at Eastwell Park, Kent', one of which was the Book of Monuments and another the Book of Seals.⁴ No other appearance of, or reference to the Book of Seals can be traced between 1862 and 1921, when the thirteenth Earl of Winchelsea showed the book to Canon C. W. Foster, vicar of Timberland, at Haverholme Priory in Lincolnshire. The present numbering of the charters was the work of Canon Foster. The fourteenth earl of Winchelsea deposited the Book of Seals with the Northamptonshire Record Society in 1930.

II

The 529 charters in the Book of Seals were brought together from thirty-two distinct sources which can be grouped under two headings: the collections of individual antiquaries, and the muniment rooms of members of the nobility and gentry of England.

¹ i. 126.

² Manx. Soc. v, frontispiece and vii. 79 and 77.

³ Above, p. xxii.

⁴ *Archaeological Journal*, 1862, xix. 186-7.

A third heading might perhaps be made for two famous seventeenth-century libraries represented in the book, the Arundel Library and the Cottonian Library. Three hundred and thirty-eight charters in the Book of Seals were provided by three collectors who probably welcomed the opportunity of perpetuating the memory of their personal success in accumulating deeds. Sir Henry St. George, John Philipot, and Sir William le Neve, who produced respectively 105, 108, and 125 charters for registration under their names in the Book of Seals, were all Heralds. The numerous pedigrees of doubtful authenticity produced by some of the Heralds in the Elizabethan age has tended to obscure the good work done by their successors in the seventeenth century, particularly in the rescue of evidence from destruction. That men of such distinction as Augustine Vincent, William Camden, and William Dugdale were Heralds has seemed to be incidental, rather than to contribute to their reputations. No one had a better opportunity than a Herald to make a great collection of ancient charters. When Heralds made their visitations and gentlemen produced evidences of their 'gentility' the whole country-side was aware of the presence of men concerned with relics of the past. The Book of Seals indicates the way in which three Heralds at least used their opportunities.

Sir Henry St. George was the son of Sir Richard Saint George, Clarenceux King of Arms, and the father of three Kings of Arms: Sir Thomas St. George, who succeeded Dugdale as Garter; Sir Henry, who in turn became Garter; and Richard, who became Ulster King of Arms. References to Sir Henry in Dugdale's correspondence show him as one of the little group associated closely with Sir Christopher Hatton in the years before the Civil War. Dugdale sent Sir Henry's greetings to Sir Symon Archer together with those of Sir Christopher Hatton, Sir Henry Spelman, 'and the rest' in 1637. When the Book of Seals was made Sir Henry was Clarenceux. In April 1644 he became Garter, but enjoyed that office only until November when he died. John Philipot, Somerset Herald, was fortunate in that his wife was the niece of Robert Glover, Somerset Herald from 1571 until his death in 1588.¹ It was on collections made by Glover that Philipot founded his *Catalogue of Chancellors*.² Philipot was made Somerset Herald in 1624. His death in November 1645 occurred too soon for the king to carry out his intention of appointing him Norroy King of Arms. Although he is no more than barely mentioned in Dugdale's correspondence, the presence of his collection in the Book of Seals shows that he was a member of the same group of 'lovers of Antiquity', to use a contemporary phrase. Sir William le Neve was made Norroy King of Arms in 1633 and Clarenceux in 1635. A newsletter of his to Sir Christopher Hatton written from London on 24 September 1640 quotes letters of Sir Henry St. George who was with the king at York, and Sir William concludes by sending his 'kinde love to Mr Dugdale'.³ All three men were royalists and, like Dugdale, suffered for their loyalty, but Sir William le Neve fared the worst. He was badly shaken by his experiences when he vainly summoned the rebel army at Edge

Sir Henry St.
George,
Norroy
John Philipot,
Somerset
Sir William le
Neve, Claren-
ceux

¹ For Philipot see *Archaeologia Cantiana*, 1947, lx. 24-53.

² *A Catalogue of the Chancellors of England, the Lord Keepers of the Great Seale and the Lord Treasurers of England,*

London, 1636. This book is dedicated to the earl of Arundel, founder of the Arundel Library.

³ *Hatton Correspondence*, Camden Soc., New Series, 1878, ii. 4-6.

Hill to surrender to the king and in October 1658 he was declared a lunatic. He died in 1661.

Sir Henry St. George's charters of general interest If no other charters had been portrayed in the Book of Seals, the collections of these three men would have made a notable book. As a group they contain at least one document from every English county except Cheshire and Durham. Wales, Scotland, and Ireland are also represented. In addition to deeds relating to the transfer of land and other property each of these collections contains documents of more general political, constitutional, or economic significance. Sir Henry St. George possessed a most interesting document which throws light on the financial instability of Edward I before ever he became king (64). A joint bond made before the bailiff and mayor of Sandwich by Robert Walerand, one of the king's chief ministers and a former warden of the Cinque Ports, Stephen of Pencester, a future holder of that position, and Robert Burnel, the future chancellor, acknowledging a debt of £225 for wine, shows in association two of the four men in whose charge the lord Edward left his affairs when he went on crusade in 1270 (94). The charter which Robert Arsic made in his court at Cogges shows a lord laying out a village and inviting settlers to take land there (114). The charming agreement made before the bishop of Lincoln, the archdeacon of Leicester, and the whole chapter between Peter the forester of Rutland and the parson of Allextun setting out the conditions on which Peter may have an oratory in his own house shows how effectively in the twelfth century the bishop could protect the parish priest from encroachment on his tithes and offerings (163). All these documents belonged to Sir Henry St. George.

Those of John Philipot and Sir William le Neve John Philipot and Sir William le Neve were perhaps even more fortunate than Sir Henry in the documents of general interest which they secured. Philipot possessed letters patent of Elizabeth de Burgh, lady of Clare, of 25 September 1333 setting out her rights as patron of Anglesey priory during a vacancy (242), a document which is paralleled by Sir William le Neve's ratification by the prior and convent of Castle Acre priory, Norfolk, of an agreement made between Roger of Huntingfield, the patron, and the priory of Mendham, Suffolk, at a much earlier date (325). Philipot preserved the military indenture made between Edward III and Edmund Mortimer, earl of March, in February 1372, by which the earl agreed to serve in person with the king in war for a year accompanied by 19 knights, 60 esquires, and 120 archers (227). Sir William had also a military indenture, again an earlier document than Philipot's. It was made in June 1297 between Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, and John of Seagrave and sets out the service that John shall do to the earl (320). A copy of this document was found by Mr. Denholm-Young among Dugdale's transcripts and has been printed by him. Le Neve possessed the charter which recorded the restoration by Henry II of the office of Marshal and the lands which went with it to John son of John the Marshal (280). Philipot had acquired the agreement between Rannulf earl of Chester and William de Fougères touching the marriage portion of the earl's wife, a document which incorporates also an agreement between William de Fougères and the countess of Chester's brother, Geoffrey de Fougères (236). The importance of the people who

made this deed brings it almost to the rank of a document of international diplomacy. More important still, Philipot rescued from oblivion the feudal treaty made in King Stephen's reign between the earl of Gloucester and the earl of Hereford. In *Geoffrey de Mandeville* Round published a text of this document derived from Dugdale's transcript of Philipot's original. Since he had not seen the document itself or the facsimile in the Book of Seals, Round felt no assurance that Dugdale's text was complete. The facsimile made in 1640 in the Book of Seals which shows the seal strip at the bottom of the deed resolves this doubt (212).

These three great collections are in a real sense complementary to each other. Twenty-three religious foundations are represented among Sir Henry's deeds, twenty-five among Philipot's, and twenty-one among Sir William's. No religious house appears in each group except Bruern abbey, of which Philipot and le Neve had each one deed, while Sir Henry St. George had three. Sir Henry had as many as five deeds, all interesting early documents, from Southwark priory. Neither Philipot nor le Neve had any from that house. From Bordesley abbey Sir Henry had four charters and Philipot two, of which No. 197 refers to a previous charter by the grantor, which was No. 143 of Sir Henry's collection. Philipot had a single specimen from the muniments of Anglesey priory, Stoneleigh abbey, and Langley priory, while Sir George had three Stoneleigh abbey deeds and one each from the other two houses. Of the eighteen religious houses from which Sir George had charters, but Philipot had none, only two—Boxley abbey and Canons Ashby priory—appear on Sir William le Neve's list. It is roughly true to say that the strength of Sir George's collection lies in the midlands; of Philipot's in the south and west; and of le Neve's in East Anglia. Four early deeds of Quarr abbey in the Isle of Wight and single deeds from Maiden Bradley, Monkton Farleigh, Plympton,¹ Clifford, and Monmouth priories, and from the abbeys of Dore, Evesham, and Pershore help to give a distinctive local character to Philipot's collection. Le Neve possessed a charter from the Maiden Bradley muniments and three from those of Dore abbey, but his collection, alone of the three under discussion, gives the impression that it was formed by a man with a strong interest in the history of a particular part of the country. He was a Norfolk man and collected East Anglian charters. Twelve deeds from Sibton abbey, five from Thetford priory, three from Mendham, one from Normansburgh, and one each from Carrow and the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene by Norwich testify to his success. It becomes more evident when to the deeds which he had derived from East Anglian religious foundations are added the twenty-one charters issued by and to laymen and concerned with land in Norfolk or Suffolk.

The documents which these men preserved are all, or almost all, collectors' pieces. Even Nos. 252–79 of Philipot's collection which are entered in a very cursory manner in the Book of Seals have among them several documents which Baker was interested to cite (270, 271). Among them too is a charter by which a certain Roger Pantulf made a modest provision for his mistress and her children (269). No. 265 is also worth

*Comparison
of these three
collections*

*Fate of
Philipot's
collection*

¹ No. 195 is in full facsimile in BS. The note 'BS Facsimile' was omitted in error in the text, p. 139 below.

noticing. By it Robert of Napton, knight, gave half an acre of land which he claimed because of the death of one of his tenants in villeinage (265). The British Museum catalogue assigns this deed to the year 1322. In the present edition the charter has been dated 1287, since the dating formula is that used for Edward I, rather than for Edward II, 'in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Edward'. Philipot's collection was sold before the death of Sir Simonds D'Ewes in 1650, for No. 236, the agreement between William de Fougères and the earl of Chester, is printed in Ormerod's *History of Cheshire* 'ex originali penes Simon Dewes militem et baronettum'. Ormerod, writing in the nineteenth century, must have obtained his transcript at second hand from the original. Fifty-four of Philipot's charters are now in the Harleian collection. Thirteen are among the Cottonian charters in the British Museum and forty have been lost.

*Fate of St.
George's and
le Neve's
collections*

As a collection, Sir Henry's charters did not long survive their owner's death in 1644. Before 1647 Sir Simonds had acquired the fine charter of Richard Engayne to Fineshade priory (120). It is quoted in the *Monasticon* 'ex ipso autographo in bibl. Deuvesiana an. 1647'. Five of Sir Henry's charters found a home in the Cottonian Library. Sixty-nine are in the Harleian collection. Thirty-five have disappeared. This is a heavy loss, but as far as can be ascertained all but one of Sir William's documents have disappeared. The exception is the deed, now Additional Charter 17735, by which Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, gave land in Settrington to Stephen of Seagrave, Justiciar of England (303). When Sir William fell a victim to lunacy, Sir Edward Walker, Garter King of Arms, was empowered to execute his office. On le Neve's death in 1661 'most of his collections came into the possession of Sir Edward Walker, Garter; some of them he gave to the College, others he left to Sir John Clopton, who married his daughter and heir'.¹ No trace of these charters has been found at the College of Arms, and it is clear that le Neve's collections must have been dispersed.

*Feudal
documents
of le Neve*

Sir William le Neve's choice of individual items for his collection appears to have been guided not only by his interest in his native East Anglia, but also by a general interest in the development of feudal society. Many of his later deeds evidently came in as a little collection of the Duke of Norfolk's documents, but individually they illustrate important aspects of English medieval life. The collection contains appointments of attorneys to deliver seisin (388, 389); the delivery to an heir of a manor held in wardship (401); the grant for life by a magnate of an annuity to 'his well-beloved esquire' (387); letters from the steward of the royal household permitting a magnate to hold his hundred courts and leets notwithstanding the presence of the king and within the verge of the court (366); the appointment by Cecily duchess of York, the king's mother, of a feodary for her knights' fees in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, and Oxfordshire (390). But the most interesting of all these later deeds is the indenture made between John de Mowbray, lord of the Isle of Axholme and of the honors of Bramber and Gower, of the one part and his Welsh tenants of Susboys² of the other, by which he pardoned all his tenants' trespasses by way of

¹ Mark Noble, *History of the College of Arms*, 1804, 280.

² This name must represent the Latin *sub bosco*, which in this country presumably stands for the Welsh *iscoed*.

enclosure from the beginning of the world to the date of the indenture, that is 3 August 1348 (398).

Two of le Neve's charters have been reproduced among the illustrations to this book. One of them (302) is a grant by Bernard de Baliol of the manor of Faxton, Northamptonshire, in exchange for the land which Gerold's father and Gerold himself should have held of the donor overseas by doing the service of four knights, a pleasing illustration of one of the ways in which the new aristocracy in England brought tenants into the country from their overseas possessions. The other (301) is a charter made by an honorial baron in the court of his lord. The grantor was also a tenant of the king by despenser serjeanty as the legend on his seal testifies. In addition to the interest of the matter of the deed, the seal attached to it shows a gentleman of modest estate depicting on his seal a seated figure holding a sword in its right hand, presumably in imitation of the king in glory. The pig rampant to the dexter somewhat reduces the majesty of the picture. No. 298 must also be mentioned as one of the early charters belonging to le Neve which reflect the inner workings of great estates. It is a charter of Gilbert de Gant giving to Geoffrey de Armenteres in marriage with Gilbert's daughter the service of two knights by reducing the service owed from the fee which Geoffrey's father held of Gilbert de Gant from ten knights to eight. Gilbert also quitclaimed to Geoffrey the relief due from him for entering upon the inheritance of his father Henry. Taken alone this charter is important as an example of a recurring situation, the marriage of one of the daughters of the chief lord to one of his principal tenants. Its full significance and its date can only be seen when it is read in association with the tripartite agreement of which a copy is preserved in Dodsworth's transcripts from the material collected for the Book of Seals.¹

*Nos. 302,
301, and 298*

This document must also have been among le Neve's charters. It is a pity that it is not included in the Book of Seals.

Hec est convencio facta inter Gilbertum de Gant et Henricum de Armenteres et Galfridum filium eiusdem Henrici scilicet quod ipse Gilbertus de Gant dabit dicto Galfrido filiam suam Julianam in uxorem et ipse Gilbertus dabit eidem Galfrido² in liberum maritagium feudum et seruitium ij militum sub hac forma: scilicet quod concedet et carta sua confirmabit predicto Galfrido et heredibus suis quos habebit de predicta Juliana totum tenementum quod prefatus Henricus de Armenter' et eius antecessores tenuerunt de predicto Gilberto et eius antecessoribus per seruitium x militum. Habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis hereditarie de eodem Gilberto et heredibus suis faciendo inde seruitium viii militum sibi et heredibus suis. Et preterea prefatus Gilbertus relaxabit per cartam suam Henrico de Armenters tota vita sua seruitium ij militum quorum seruitium relaxavit Galfrido filio eiusdem Henrici. Et ipse Gilbertus dabit predicto Henrico lx marcas soluendas his terminis scilicet xx marcas ad festum sancti Martini anno regni regis Johannis xj . xx marcas ad Letare Ierusalem proximum sequens et xx marcas ad festum sancti Botulfi proximum sequens . his fideiussoribus fide media per cartam suam Willelmo de Wilebi . Waltero filio Walteri . Hugone de Trikingham . Waltero de Breitoft . ita quod si dominus Gilbertus supersederit solucionem ad predictos terminos ipsi ad rationabilem summonitionem eiusdem Henrici satisfacient ei de predicta pecunia . et cuicunque ipse Henricus pecuniam assignauerit. Item idem Gilbertus clamat quietum predicto Galfrido filio Henrici releuium suum de toto tenemento quod pater eius de eo tenet: et faciet eum militem ad custum suum ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste anno regni regis Johannis xij nisi forte communi consilio differendum videatur. Predictus vero Henricus dabit predicto Galfrido filio suo manerium suum

*Text of Gant
Armenteres
agreement*

¹ Vol. 68, p. 3.

² *Sic.*

de Stowe¹ in comitatu Norhamt' integre cum pertinentiis sine aliquo retenemento ad dandum Juliane uxori sue in duarium cum carta sua . et idem Henricus dabit cartam suam confirmacionis predicte Juliane de eodem manerio . et Gilbertus similiter suam. Predictus uero Galfridus et Juliana uxor sua constituti in plena seisina predicti manerii commendabunt ipsum manerium predicto Henrico patri suo ad percipiendum inde omnes exitus in uita sua si forte contigerit quod predicti Henricus et Galfridus filius suus non consentiant simul manere . quia tunc predictus Galfridus habebit predictum manerium cum pertinentiis in manu sua. Si autem contigerit quod predictus Galfridus aliquo prauo consilio et cupiditate habendi predictum manerium uelit in patrem suum iniuste insurgere et discidium querere . predictus Gilbertus resistet ei pro posse suo et illum inpediet et predicto Henrico consilium et auxilium prestabit contra ipsum Galfridum. Sepredictus uero Gilbertus penes se retinebit filiam suam et ei necessarie providebit usque sepedictus Galfridus miles fiat. Hanc autem conuentionem fideliter ex utraque parte esse tenendam ex utraque parte affidatum est. Hiis testibus: Stephano de Gant . Willelmo de Wilebi . Waltero filio Walteri . Hugone de Trikingham . Waltero de Breitoft . Renaldo de Gant . Elis de Areines . Henrico de Norhamt' . Henrico de Diva . Willelmo Foliott . Jordano del Estr' . Michaele de² Grimbald . Roberto del Estr' . Petro de Melsa . Willelmo de Cromewell et multis aliis.

Dodsworth sketched the counterseal and noted that the seal bore an eagle 'with one head displaid', the same seal which was borne by No. 298. Only the first few lines of this agreement were transcribed by Dodsworth himself, but he checked it and corrected slips. One or two words copied inaccurately or indistinctly he wrote in the margin.

*Importance
of the
document*

The identity of the witnesses to both the agreement and the charter shows that they were made at the same time. It is possible that the marriage agreement may mark the conclusion of a dispute about the tenure of Stow between Gilbert de Gant and Henry de Armenteres, who seems to be getting the better of the bargain, provided that he was on good terms with his son. Henry's own knight service is reduced; he gets the considerable sum of 60 marks; his lord will bear the expense of knighting his son; although Stow is to be given by charter to Juliana in dower, Henry is to receive its issues for life. Moreover Gilbert de Gant will aid Henry to suppress Geoffrey should Geoffrey try to oust his father prematurely from possession of the profits of Stow. Since the first instalment of the 60 marks was to be paid at Martinmas 11 John the agreement was probably made during the autumn of 1209. The ceremony of knighting Geoffrey, unless by common counsel it seemed best to postpone it, would have taken place in the summer of 1210. The marriage could have been celebrated soon afterwards, but Juliana must have been still young at that date. Gilbert de Gant was under age when his father died in 1191 and did not come of age until 1201. The phrase 'common counsel' probably means the general opinion of the chief tenants of the honor rather than the judgement of an honorial council. Whatever the precise meaning of these words, the agreement, as definitely as the charter of William de Anesye, No. 301, takes the modern reader into the workings of an honorial court.

*Sir Simonds
D'Ewes*

Sir William le Neve's charters are followed in the Book of Seals by those of a notable seventeenth-century character. Sir Simonds D'Ewes was a country gentleman with a 'sweet and pleasant seat' at Stowlangtoft in Suffolk³ purchased by his father. From his maternal grandfather Sir Simonds inherited an estate in Somerset, and he married a Suffolk heiress, descended as he was proud to claim, from 'a prime and ancient

¹ Stowe Nine Churches.

² *Sic.*

³ *Autobiography*, ii. 52.

family of that county'.¹ University-bred and trained to the law, his abilities would have won him a distinguished practical career. But his interests were overpoweringly drawn to the past and he was happiest transcribing rolls and records and preparing for the true history of England which he never wrote. He sat in the Long Parliament and kept full diaries of its proceedings from a profound conviction that history was daily being made and should be recorded. The merits of these diaries, their copiousness and accuracy, have given to Sir Simonds D'Ewes a most distinguished place among the authorities for English history in the seventeenth century. On the other hand, too much of a Puritan in temperament to stomach Laud, too good an historian to be happy in rebellion against the king, Sir Simonds was driven to take refuge in his ivory tower of antiquity. He collected books and coins as well as charters. The Book of Seals shows how carefully he selected the objects which he prized. His naive account of the way he obtained the Basset deed from Mr. le Neve shows how single-minded urgency can prevail over a weaker will. Sir Simonds wanted the deed, Mr. le Neve let him have it.² Not a single one of the deeds depicted under Sir Simonds's name in the Book of Seals can have been his inherited muniments. His acquisition of the Fineshade charter and the Chester-Fougères agreement after the deaths respectively of Sir Henry St. George and John Philipot shows that he was still buying choice pieces long after the Book of Seals had been laid aside. Dodsworth heartily disliked him. 'The knight att Westminster'³ or 'our freind of Westminster'⁴ is his ironical, and 'the beast'⁵ his more usual, way of referring to Sir Simonds in letters to Dugdale. Sir Simonds lacked the dignity of Dugdale and the innocent disinterestedness of Dodsworth, but he would rejoice to realize that the greater part of his collections are now safe in the British Museum, where in the words of his will 'all lovers of learning of known virtue and integrity'⁶ may have access to them. Sir Simonds's collections were bought in 1706 through the agency of Humphrey Wanley for the library of Sir Robert Harley. By that time four of the charters shown in facsimile in the Book of Seals had been lost. Two had passed into the Cottonian Library, but the other twelve are now among the Harleian charters.

Every one of Sir Simonds's charters entered in the Book of Seals is shown there in full facsimile. Sir Simonds possessed the deed, now lost, by which the sureties of the last Ferrers earl of Derby handed over the lands of the earldom to Edmund the king's son (411). Historically, this document is so important that the facsimile has been reproduced as one of the illustrations to this book.⁷ Sir Simonds had also collected

*Importance
of his charters*

¹ Ibid. i. 45.

² See above, p. xvi.

³ Hamper, 221.

⁴ Ibid. 229. This in commentary on Sir Simonds's death, which, he adds, 'is an insupportable loss to us'.

⁵ Ibid. 221, 227.

⁶ *Autobiography*, ii. 150.

⁷ In 1656 Dugdale copied into the note book described above (p. xxiii) the document by which the sureties of William de Ferrers earl of Derby bound themselves to Edmund the son of King Henry III in £50,000 for the ransom of the earl

and his lands. They bound themselves, their heirs and tenements that if they failed to pay this sum 'in whole or in part' at the appointed time, that is to say the quindene of the feast of St. John the Baptist (8 July) next coming, the Lord Edward, the eldest son of King Henry III, could distrain them by their lands, tenements, and goods to make payment. The deed is dated at Windsor on the second day of May in the fifty-third year of King Henry III (1269). The reference, given in this case above the deed and in pencil, is 'Ex autographo in bibliotheca Cottoniana anno 1656'.

The Ely deeds

three documents concerned with the establishment of the see of Ely in the reign of Henry I. One of them is the solemn charter of the king, founding the new bishopric (419). There seems no adequate reason for doubting its authenticity. The other two documents are similar to each other in wording. One professes to be the charter whereby Hervey, the first bishop, separated the lands of the bishopric from those which he assigned for the maintenance of the cathedral priory (420). By the other charter the second bishop, Nigel, professes to do the same (415). These charters survive and can be examined in the British Museum. It is certain that neither of them can have been written as early as the first half of the twelfth century. But Nigel's charter bears an endorsement which appears to be in a twelfth-century hand and it is probable that they were cast into their present form before that century was over. The shape of these documents is highly unusual, for two seal strips protrude from the left-hand side of each of them. In the early years of the twelfth century before custom had established the fashion in which seals were attached to charters, a strip might well be cut for the seal on the left-hand side of the parchment which was being prepared for use. It is worth noting that the charter by which Henry I gave the bishopric of Ely to Bishop Hervey has just such a strip protruding from its left side. This document is now among the Cottonian charters in the British Museum. It was entered in facsimile among the charters from the Cottonian library in the Book of Seals (430). Again there is no adequate reason to doubt its authenticity. It is possible that its form influenced that of the two documents which the monks prepared to pass as the deeds of the two first bishops.

*Sir Robert
Cotton and
the Cottonian
Library*

Sir Simonds's charters are immediately followed in the Book of Seals by seventeen items from the Cottonian Library. Sir Robert Cotton, its founder, had incurred the king's distrust by his association with the leaders of the opposition and in 1629 an occasion had been seized to deny him access to his library. Sir Simonds D'Ewes records how he went several times to see Sir Robert during 1630 to comfort him and Sir Robert told him that 'they had broken his heart that had locked up his library from him'. He died in 1631. In addition to the political suspicion that Sir Robert had incurred, it was undoubtedly felt that he had usurped for himself a treasury of records that of right should belong to the Crown. Sir Robert's son, Sir Thomas Cotton, recovered control of the library before 1640. Since some of the charters possessed in 1640 by St. George, Philipot, and D'Ewes, all of whom died between 1644 and 1650, are now in the Cottonian collection it is clear that Sir Thomas was adding manuscripts to his library in the middle years of the century. He was as generous as his father in allowing scholars to use his books and manuscripts. He even lent Sir Simonds D'Ewes his father's coins.

*Importance of
the Cotton
charters in
the Book*

The documents from the Cottonian Library entered in the Book of Seals were very carefully selected. Most of the seventeen items are instruments of kings or queens or of their near kin. They are all shown in the Book in full facsimile, and most of them are very fine specimens. The charter of William brother of Henry II was already much decayed, but William's charters were rare and its subject-matter was interesting (429).

The bilingual letter of Odo bishop of Bayeux and earl of Kent addressed to Archbishop Lanfranc, Hamo the sheriff, and all the men of Kent, has suffered considerable damage since the Book of Seals was made (431). Odo's seal, showing him both as a knight and a bishop, no longer survives. This document is one of those chosen to illustrate this book. Henry I's charter granting the bishopric of Ely to Hervey the bishop still survives (430), but the fine ratification by Henry II of the agreement made between the sons of Savaric fitz Cana must have perished in the fire which destroyed the Cottonian Library in 1731 (434). A charter of John as count of Mortain was included among the Cottonian exhibits (435), as was the charter of Stephen as count of Boulogne and Mortain to Savigny abbey which resulted in the foundation of Furness abbey (423). Two charters of Queen Maud, wife of King Stephen (424, 426), are included, two of Harald king of Man and the Isles (428, 432), and one each of Louis IX king of France (427), Malcolm king of Scotland (436), and Richard king of the Romans (437). No. 433 is a letter of Nigel de Mowbray, but it is addressed to Henry bishop of Winchester, King Stephen's brother (433). The remaining three charters from this collection in the Book of Seals are a charter each of Simon de Senlis III, earl of Northampton (439), his wife, the countess Alice (425), and Simon de Senlis, the earl's brother (438). Seven of these important documents have been lost since the Book of Seals was made.

That no more than two deeds from the Arundel Library are contained in the Book of Seals may be accounted for by the heavy preoccupations of Thomas Howard, the second earl of Arundel of his line. He became steward of the household on 12 April 1640 and on 29 August was appointed Captain-General south of the Trent. In March and April 1641 he presided as lord high steward at the trial of the earl of Strafford. At the end of June the earl petitioned the king for the restoration of his grandfather's title of Duke of Norfolk, but could get no satisfaction. In August 1641 the earl resigned his post as steward of the household and before the end of the year he had left the country to reside abroad. He was out of sympathy with the court, but was not drawn to the opposition. During the war he aided the royalist cause financially. He died at Padua in 1646 as he was preparing to return to England. From Oxford in 1644 the king had issued a patent granting him the title of earl of Norfolk. Neither of the two documents from the Arundel library shown in the Book of Seals has been traced. It is possible that the earl's departure from England prevented their return to his library. One of them is the only document coming from the Anglo-Saxon period which the Book of Seals contains (440). The other is the appointment of a seneschal for his demesne of Oswestry in the March of Wales by William earl of Arundel in 1439 within six months of his succession to the title (441).

A document belonging to the earl of Arundel's fifth son, born in 1614, is also entered in the Book of Seals in full facsimile under the heading 'ex autographo penes Willelmum Howard militem balnei'. He was made a Knight of the Bath at the coronation of Charles I and married in 1637 Mary, sister of Henry last baron Stafford, who died unmarried at about that time.¹ Created Baron Stafford on 12 September 1640, he was

*The Arundel
Library and
its founder*

*Sir William
Howard's
charter
No. 130*

¹ Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 172.

advanced to a viscounty before the end of the year.¹ The fact that his new title is not given in the Book of Seals shows that this deed was entered before September 1640. It is a charter which came to his wife as her brother's heir. By it Nicholas son of Robert of Stafford and Robert his eldest son and heir confirm to Kenilworth priory the church of Stone and the lands sold to Geoffrey of Glympton for the use of the church (130). This charter can be dated 1130–2. It is sealed in an unusual manner. Two strips project downwards from the left-hand side of the charter, each bearing an equestrian seal. By the time that the Book of Seals was made these seals must have been almost indecipherable, for the draftsman has given the figures on horseback a curiously contemporary appearance, apparently dressing one of them as a woman. The charter itself has disappeared, but it was printed in the *Monasticon* 'ex rotulo pervetusto in Bibl. Hattoniana'. Stafford and his wife returned to Antwerp when the Civil War broke out, and it is probable that this charter remained unclaimed in the library of Sir Christopher Hatton. Thirty-six years later, as an unpopular peer of the Roman Catholic faith, Lord Stafford fell a victim to the excitement caused by the invention of the Popish Plot and was beheaded on Tower Hill on 29 December 1680.

*The Earl of
Rutland's
charters*

'From the charter chest (*armario*) of the very noble lord, George earl of Rutland at Belvoir' nine charters are entered in the Book of Seals. No date is added to this heading and there is no other evidence to indicate when the charters were carried from Belvoir to Kirby Hall. Nevertheless it is permissible to wonder whether Dodsworth, who was working on the manuscripts at Belvoir on 6 and on 12 September, was at Kirby on 15 September, and back again at Belvoir on 18 September 1640,² may not have carried with him to Kirby a small packet of the earl of Rutland's charters for inclusion in the Book of Seals. On his way from Belvoir to Kirby he looked in on the earl of Westmoreland's library at Apethorpe to take a few extracts from the Red Book of Thorney.³ The Belvoir charters in the Book of Seals are well distributed over the centuries. A charter of Stephen (442) and one of William d'Aubigny III (443) represent the twelfth century. A charter of Hawise countess of Aumale of 1212–14 (444) and a charter of her son William de Forz, count of Aumale, of about 1214 (445) represent the thirteenth century. The other five belong two to the fourteenth (446, 449) and three to the fifteenth centuries (447, 448, 450). It is possible that 'ye gentleman with the broadbrim'd hat',⁴ as Dugdale once described Dodsworth, thought he would take a representative handful of documents to please his friends at Kirby. They do not seem to have been returned to Belvoir, for none of them are to be found in the report made of the documents of the duke of Rutland for the Historical Manuscripts Commission. The death of George earl of Rutland in March 1641 and the succession of his second cousin to the title and estates may help to explain why the documents entered in the Book of Seals were not returned to Belvoir. The new earl was a supporter of the Parliament.⁴

¹ DNB.

² Roger Dodsworth and his circle, N. Denholm-Young and H. H. E. Craster. Reprinted from the *Yorks. Arch. Soc.'s*

Journal, part 125, xxxii (1934), 29.

³ Hamper, 204.

⁴ CP, 2nd ed. xi. 263.

Eighteen charters in the Book of Seals were derived from the charter chest of the most noble lady Katherine duchess of Buckingham, and the heading above them is dated July 1641. The widow of George Villiers, created duke of Buckingham in 1623 and assassinated on 23 August 1628, this lady had married in 1635 as his first wife the marquis of Antrim. Dugdale notes in his diary under 10 January 1645 'The E. of Antrim and Dutches of Buck. came to Oxford'.¹ The duchess died in 1649.² The heir to the dukedom of Buckingham was born in February 1628, so that, although he took his M.A. at Cambridge in 1642, he was still a minor when the Book of Seals was made.³ His mother retained the title derived from her first marriage, and the deeds entered under her name in the Book of Seals must in great part have been derived from her first husband's family. He was the fourth son of Sir George Villiers of Brooksby, Leicestershire.⁴ Most of the duchess's documents are concerned with Leicestershire properties and had been part of the title-deeds of Garendon abbey. A few of them were derived from Belvoir and were probably brought thence by Katherine, who was the daughter and ultimately the only surviving child of the sixth earl of Rutland. From her father she inherited the barony of Ros.⁵ The letters patent of William de Ros of Helmsley granting to Belvoir priory the right to purchase the churches of Uffington, Lincolnshire, and Norton by Twycross, Leicestershire (16), and the confirmation charter of Newstead priory, 'the new place at the bridge of Uffington' (11), were in no sense title-deeds belonging to the barony of Ros. They may, however, have been regarded as of especial interest to the holder of that title.

*Katherine
duchess of
Buckingham*

Henry fifth earl of Huntingdon provided eleven documents for the Book of Seals. He was descended from that Sir William Hastings of Kirby Muxloe in Leicestershire and Burton Hastings in Warwickshire, who took an active part in the Wars of the Roses and became chamberlain to Edward IV. He was raised to the rank of a baron with the title of Lord Hastings early in Edward's reign.⁶ The muniments of the Hastings family were reported on by the Historical Manuscripts Commission before they were sold to the Huntington Library in America. The report, of which the first volume was issued in 1928, shows that the family possessed a very extensive collection of records ranging from the twelfth down to the seventeenth century. The fifth earl must therefore have made a careful selection for the Book of Seals. He seems to have chosen such records as he considered would best illuminate the family history, in particular such as would show its connexion with people of greater consequence. The makers of the Book of Seals were particularly interested in documents issued by great men, and the muniments of the Hastings family could provide a representative collection of deeds issued by members of the nobility in the later Middle Ages. Letters of George duke of Clarence and of John Lord Lovel are entered in the Book, each appointing Lord Hastings as his steward for certain of his lands, and each describing Hastings as 'kinsman' of the grantor (28, 32). The letter by which Anne duchess of Buckingham

*Henry earl of
Huntingdon*

¹ Hamper, 77.

² *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 393-4.

³ *Ibid.* 394.

⁴ *Ibid.* 392.

⁵ *CP*, 2nd ed. xi. 262, and 112.

⁶ *Ibid.* vi. 370.

appointed Hastings steward of her manor of Oakham is also included (23). The earl also chose for insertion in the book the agreement between Edward duke of Buckingham and Margaret countess of Salisbury concerning the marriage between the heir apparent of the duke and the lady Ursula Pole, daughter of the duchess. (21) The letters patent of Charles the Bold duke of Burgundy granting Lord Hastings an annuity of 1,000 crowns in recognition of his services to the duke's brother-in-law Edward IV (33) and the letters patent of Queen Elizabeth Woodville appointing her father, Earl Rivers, and Lord Zouche and St. Maur her overseers in respect of her Northamptonshire lands (22) were two documents which could not be omitted from the earl's contribution to the book. Two documents were included to illustrate the family connexion with Kirby Muxloe (29, 30), but perhaps the most interesting item in the earl's contribution is the charter by which Walter Rumseye gave to Walter de Hungerford his rights as patron of the priory of Maiden Bradley, Wilts. (31) This document had come into the family with the wife of the second Lord Hastings, daughter of Sir Thomas Hungerford and heiress in her own right of the baronies of Botreaux, Hungerford, and Moleyns. Five of the earl's charters shown in the Book of Seals appear to have been lost since 1640 as they were not among the records reported on in 1928. The fifth earl died in 1643. Neither he nor his successor appear to have been sufficiently moved by contemporary passions to take an active part in the Civil War.

*Sir Simon
Harcourt*

Three extremely interesting twelfth-century charters were provided for the Book of Seals by a man described in the *Dictionary of National Biography* as 'a soldier of fortune'. Sir Simon Harcourt was the son of Sir Robert Harcourt of Ellenhall, Staffordshire, and Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire, who had lost large sums of money in his attempts to promote a settlement of Englishmen in South America. Sir Simon was his eldest son by his second wife, a grand-daughter of John earl of Oxford. His father's unsuccessful efforts in colonization forced his son to attempt to make a career for himself, and a great part of his life was spent in military adventures abroad. He was knighted at Whitehall in 1627 and he was in England in 1636 to look after his private affairs. His father had died in 1631 after selling Ellenhall and his Berkshire estate at Wytham. The expedition against the Scots in 1639 gave Sir Simon employment in England, and it was probably at this time that he handed his three charters to Sir Christopher Hatton for inclusion in the Book of Seals. Sir Simon commanded a regiment of foot in the army against the Scots and in 1641, when the Irish revolt broke out, he was appointed governor of Dublin with the rank of Colonel. He died of wounds in March 1642. It is improbable that such a man troubled to retrieve his charters from Kirby Hall in the months of life left him after they had been entered in the Book of Seals (42-4). No trace of them has been found.

*Root of title
of the Lord
Great Cham-
berlainship*

Of all the charters shown in the Book of Seals perhaps the most important is No. 39, the charter of Henry I conferring upon Aubrey de Vere in fee and inheritance the office of Master Chamberlain of England. It is entered under the heading 'from the charters of Robert Bertie earl of Lindsey Great Chamberlain of England'. Robert

Bertie was the son of Peregrine Bertie, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, by Mary daughter of John de Vere, earl of Oxford. On the death, without issue in 1625, of his cousin Henry de Vere, earl of Oxford, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby claimed the title of earl of Oxford and the office of Lord Great Chamberlain against Robert de Vere. According to Sir Simonds D'Ewes this claim was 'to all men's wonder and the great distaste of most'. The title of earl of Oxford and the place of Lord Great Chamberlain, Sir Simonds points out, 'had, with little interruption, been joined, near upon 500 years last past, together in that great and noble surname of Vere. Whereas the family of Bertie was certainly very mean and ordinary in the male line.' Sir Simonds claimed that he and Sir Robert Cotton 'both joined our best skill and searches together to assert and uphold the said Robert de Vere's just and undoubted title to the same earldom; which in the issue . . . was settled upon him; though he most unfortunately lost the place of Lord Great Chamberlain of England, which the Lord Willoughby obtaining, was afterwards created Earl of Lindsey'.¹ The ashes of this suit were still hot in 1640, and those who made the Book of Seals were careful to facsimile not only the charter but also the endorsements on it. It has been chosen as one of the illustrations of this book. Although judgement went against Lord Willoughby d'Eresby in regard to the earldom of Oxford, he seems to have retained possession of the charter of Henry II confirming the earldom to Aubrey de Vere (40). The third charter provided by the earl of Lindsey for the Book of Seals was one of the title-deeds of his father's family (41). The earl of Lindsey was very much a Lincolnshire man. From 1629 until his death he was Lord Lieutenant of his county. Many Lincolnshire gentlemen turned out for the king in the Civil War because of their respect for the earl of Lindsey. He died of a wound received in the battle of Edge Hill.

One of those Lincolnshire gentlemen who was commissioned by the earl to raise forces for the king in his own parts was also a contributor to the Book of Seals. Gervase Holles of Grimsby, who refers affectionately to the earl as 'our old generall',² came of a younger branch of the family of Holles of Haughton, Nottinghamshire, the head of which was made earl of Clare by James I in 1624. Gervase Holles was the son of Frescheville Holles, so named after the family of his mother, a daughter of Peter Frescheville of Staveley, Derbyshire. The mother of Gervase Holles was Elizabeth daughter and heiress of John Kingston of Grimsby, where Gervase was born. In his history of the Holles family Gervase tells a lively tale of his grandfather's runaway marriage with Frances Frescheville³ and draws an attractive picture of his hot-tempered but generous and lovable father, Frescheville Holles,⁴ who died in 1630. Gervase Holles was himself a collector of charters and in the years before the Civil War he was visiting Lincolnshire churches and taking notes of the monuments and arms in them. He visited Mansfield, Haughton, and Tuxford in Nottinghamshire and Staveley in Derbyshire as well, because of his family connexions with those parts. In 1640 he was living at Newark and he was still living there in 1642 when his son Frescheville was

*Gervase
Holles of
Grimsby*

¹ *Autobiography*, i. 290-1.

² *Memorials of the Holles Family*, ed. A. C. Wood, Camden Society, Third Series, lv. 74.

³ *Ibid.* 117-18.

⁴ *Ibid.* 201-4.

born. It was more accessible than Grimsby, but he represented Grimsby in both the Short and the Long parliaments of 1640. In April 1641 he was suspended for his defence of the royal prerogative. He served at Edge Hill and was with the king at Oxford. In 1645 he tried to compound for his lands but could not find the money. He was taken prisoner at Colchester in 1648 and after a time of imprisonment retired to France. He did not return until the Restoration, when Charles II made him Master of Requests and gave him an annuity of £100 a year. He returned to Grimsby, was three times mayor, and represented the town in parliament until his death in 1675.¹

*His family
connexions*

The most notable work of Gervase Holles is his account of his own family and of all the families allied to it. The writing of this story solaced his exile, and in the writing he was helped, he says, by 'my worthy good freind M^r W^m Dugdale who was pleased to take the paynes to make search for me (w^{ch} favour I likewise ow him for severall other things in this treatise)'.² Two of the three documents provided by Gervase Holles for the Book of Seals came from families whose connexion with his own he traces in this book. One was the appointment by John de Beaumont, Viscount Beaumont, of William Tyrwhit, knight, to be his steward (55). The sister of Gervase Holles's Frescheville grandmother had married William Tyrwhit of Kettleby, Lincolnshire.³ The other is a grant by William Longsword son and heir of the earl and countess of Salisbury of land in Wanborough and Aldbourne in Wiltshire to Philip Lucy (56), presumably a thirteenth-century member of the family of Lucy of Charlecote. The connexion of Gervase Holles with the Lucy family was remote. His great-grandmother Anne wife of Sir William Holles was the daughter of Mary daughter of Sir William Lucy of Charlecote.⁴

*The Fresche-
ville deeds
Nos. 1 and 2*

It seems very probable that it was through the agency of Gervase Holles that the first two charters entered in the Book of Seals reached Kirby. The absence of the scarlet headline on the first folio of the book meant that it was not until the note-book of Sir Frederick Madden was found by Mr. Cyril Wright that the ownership of those two charters could be certainly known. The pencil note that they were 'Frescheville' deeds was much more easy to read in 1858 than it is nearly a hundred years later. It is still faintly visible when the reader knows what to look for. When Gervase Holles's grandfather ran off with Frances Frescheville she and her sister were co-heiresses of Peter Frescheville of Staveley. But in his old age he married again and had a son and heir, Sir Peter Frescheville, 'an honest and worthy gentleman of good erudition, and a great lover of learning and learned men'.⁵ His son and heir was John Frescheville, born at Staveley in 1606. He supported the king until after the battle of Marston Moor 'when he delivered up his house unsummoned'. After being in London for a time he returned to the royal allegiance. He was made governor of Welbeck, but gave it up without action, when he was surprised by a band of rebels.⁶ The charter of

¹ *Memorials of the Holles Family*, vii-xi and *Lincolnshire Church Notes made by Gervase Holles*, ed. R. E. G. Cole, L.R.S. i, pp. vi-ix.

² *Memorials of the Holles Family*, 15.

³ *Ibid.* 180, 'from whom is descended Francis Tirwhit of Kettleby now living', *ibid.* 160.

⁴ *Ibid.* 59.

⁵ *Ibid.* 160.

⁶ *Ibid.* 161.

Thomas de Chaworth, No. 1 in the Book of Seals, had passed before the *Monasticon* was printed into the possession of Sam. Roper like another Chaworth deed entered in the Book of Seals under Dodsworth's name. It is possible that, like Dodsworth's deeds, the Frescheville charters were left at Kirby and by some means the two Chaworth documents came into the possession of a collector of Derbyshire evidences.

That the Book of Seals should contain a charter from the muniment room of Thomas Wentworth earl of Strafford is remarkable, for while the book was being made Strafford was on trial. He was executed on 12 May 1641 before work on the book was laid aside. The heading 'From the charters of Thomas earl of Strafford lord lieutenant of Ireland' is given no definite date. It is written in the usual bold scarlet letters and below it in what appears to be Dugdale's hand the same heading is written in pencil for the guidance of the draftsman. The charter (170) is of no particular note, and it is unlikely that the earl himself can have been interested at this time to provide it for the Book of Seals. But those who were doing the work were notably royalist in sympathy and may well have been anxious to have an example of the earl of Strafford's documents. The most likely agent to be able to procure a charter of Lord Strafford's was Gervase Holles, for the earl had married in 1625 a cousin of his, Arabella, one of the sisters of the second earl of Clare. Her death in childbirth in 1630 caused a breach between Strafford and his father-in-law. Gervase Holles records that his own father could never well agree with the second earl of Clare, but 'had a most tender affection' for the Lady Arabella, viscountess Wentworth and 'frequently received letters full of kindenes and affection' from her.¹

Thomas
Wentworth
earl of
Strafford

The Book of Seals contains a group of charters from the muniments of another royalist of the north who was also a kinsman of the earl of Strafford. Sir William Savile of Thornhill, baronet, was a son of Sir George Savile who in 1607 married a sister of Thomas Wentworth, afterwards earl of Strafford. Sir William succeeded his father in 1626, was a member of the Council of the North, and served in the expedition against the Scots in 1639. When war broke out he took up arms for the king. In April 1643 he became governor of Sheffield and a little later of York also. He died at York in 1644. It is possible that his documents were obtained for the Book of Seals while the Great Council met at York in September 1640. Sir Henry St. George was in York, and others must have been there whose documents are in the Book of Seals. The work on Sir William's charters is dated July 1641. It is unlikely that the first charter entered under his name was ever his property. It is a letter from the citizens of York to Archbishop Geoffrey about the advowson of the church of All Saints in the Marsh. When Drake printed it in his *Eboracum* in 1739 this document was 'amongst the records of the city on Ouse-bridge'. Sir William may well have removed it from the archives of the city for registration in the Book of Seals. Drake's reference shows that he took care to return it. Since 1739 this letter has strayed from York, but fortunately it is now safe in the British Museum. Two of the other charters entered under Sir William's name had come into the possession of Colonel Gascoigne of Parlington Hall, Leeds,

Sir William
Savile of
Thornhill

¹ Ibid. 201.

by 1909. Of the others no evidence has been found, but it seems likely that Sir William, conscious that No. 451 must be returned to York, retrieved them all from Kirby when work on them was done.

*Lord Faucon-
berg of
Yarm*

The single charter of Lord Fauconberg entered in the Book of Seals (37) was not procured direct from its owner for inclusion in the book. The pencil note below the scarlet headline on this page has been discussed earlier in this Introduction.¹ It indicates that the charter had been acquired through the agency of John Allen the painter, from whom inquiry must be made as to its owner before the headline can be inserted. Thomas Belasyse of Newburgh, Yorkshire, was created Baron Fauconberg of Yarm in 1627 and in 1643 was rewarded for his loyalty to Charles I with the title of Viscount Fauconberg of Henknowle. After the battle of Marston Moor in 1644 he fled abroad and there became a Roman Catholic. He died in 1653.² That the charter entered under his name was one of his title-deeds there can be no doubt, for it deals with the place from which his family name was derived.

*Sir Hamo
Lestrange*

Lord Fauconberg's charter is followed in the Book of Seals by a single specimen of another royalist's documents (38). Sir Hamo Lestrange was the second son of Sir Hamo Lestrange of Hunstanton and brother of Sir Nicholas, the first baronet. As a younger son he probably had few ancient charters of his own. He was an historian and a theologian. Although he was involved with his father and brother in an attempt to deliver King's Lynn to the royalist forces he came to terms with the government in 1651. His work on the liturgies of the Church of England was published in 1659 and dedicated to Christopher, Lord Hatton.

*Sir Thomas
Aston, of
Aston,
Cheshire*

It was probably from his 'Cheshire journey' taken in 1640 with Sir Christopher Hatton's servant to collect drawings of monuments that Dugdale brought back for inclusion in the Book of Seals the two charters 'of Sir Thomas Aston of Aston in the county of Chester, knight'. The date when they were registered in the book is given as December 1640. Dugdale was particularly interested in those parts, because of the suggestion of the Elizabethan 'pedigree makers' that the Hatton family was derived from Hatton by Chester—'I doubt', says Dugdale, 'this is a fiction.'³ Dugdale corresponded with Mr. William Vernon of Shakerley in Lancashire and was in touch with Mr. Peter Leicester, later Sir Peter, of Tabley. He was in correspondence with Mr. Vernon about the Hatton pedigree in 1647. 'Such was the ambition that those mercenary fellows had to obteyne y^e favour of y^e late lord Chancelour y^t they brought to him divers old deedes of y^t name, which had no relation to Cheshire Hatton.'⁴ The two deeds of Sir Thomas Aston in the Book of Seals are both from the fourteenth century and of more interest to the genealogist than the historian (45, 53). Sir Thomas was a royalist and came of a family long settled in Cheshire. He represented his county in the Short parliament of 1640 and wrote 'A Remonstrance against Presbytery . . . with a short survey of the Presbyterian discipline, showing the inconveniences of it, and the inconstancy thereof with the constitution of this state . . .'. When the war broke out

¹ See above, p. xxvi.

² *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 264.

³ Hamper, 212.

⁴ *Ibid.* 214.

Sir Thomas supported the king and was captured at Middlewich in March 1643. He escaped, but was again captured and imprisoned at Stafford. He was injured in attempting to escape again and died at Stafford on 24 March 1645.¹

Through the help of his friends in Warwickshire, notably of Sir Symon Archer, Dugdale was already in 1636 acquiring access to muniments in country houses for his work on the history of that county.² The Book of Seals is therefore the richer by Dugdale's acquisition of a number of choice specimens from Warwickshire collections. The 'rare' charters of Robert Brome have already been mentioned in this Introduction.³ Dugdale chose for inclusion only such Warwickshire charters as he considered worthy of a full facsimile, and from several of the Warwickshire houses he included one charter only in the Book of Seals. Richard Yardley's charter touching the Beauchamp chantry in the chapel of Guy's Cliff, No. 490, is quoted also in the history of Warwickshire. It is possible that Richard Yardley had no other muniments. One charter, belonging to Anthony Stoughton and coming from the muniments of the hospital of St. John the Baptist in Warwick, is entered in the Book (491). The seal has been included in the Plate of seals. In his *History of Warwickshire* Dugdale states that the hospital passed to Anthony Stoughton, 'a servant to the Queen', grandfather of 'the present possessor thereof'.⁴ The decayed state of this charter suggests that the rest of the muniments of the hospital may have been consumed by rats or mice. The last charter in the Book of Seals (529) came from a Warwickshire gentleman who had many other charters but served the Parliament in the civil war, Sir Edward Peto of Chesterton. No. 528, which provides important evidence about the history of scutage and military service, was owned by a gentleman named Stanton, whose Christian name Dugdale never learned. It has already been noticed that he quoted the charter in his *History of Warwickshire* as it is entered in the Book of Seals 'penes . . . Stanton'.⁵

The Warwickshire contributors

There can be no question that the eight charters entered in the Book of Seals in 1641 under the name of Robert Arden of Park Hall are his hereditary family deeds. Park Hall had been the seat of the family of the Ardens 'for neer CCC Years last past', as Dugdale says in his *History of Warwickshire*.⁶ In the reign of Elizabeth Edward Arden 'had the hard Hap to come to an untimely Death', being convicted of high treason in 1583, largely through the insistence of the earl of Leicester, whom 'he had irritated in some Particulars'.⁷ When he was attainted his lands were given to Edward Darcy, but after long litigation the greater part of them were recovered by Edward Arden's son, Robert, 'a prudent person, and well read in the Laws'. Robert Arden lived to a great age, with 'no small Reputation in his Countrey'. He was succeeded by the Robert of the Book of Seals, who before the *History of Warwickshire* was written, 'being much accomlisht with Learning, and other excellent Parts, died in the Flower of his Youth, whereby the Inheritance of this antient Family resorted to his Sisters'.⁷

Robert Arden of Park Hall

The nine charters belonging in 1640 to Clement Throckmorton of Haseley were all

¹ DNB.

² Hamper, 155.

³ See p. xxv.

⁴ 1765 ed., 333.

⁵ See p. xxvi.

⁶ 1765 ed., 621.

⁷ Ibid. 656.

Clement
Throck-
morton of
Haseley

derived from the muniments of Bordesley abbey.¹ In 1884 four of them were in the possession of W. Bromley Davenport, Esq., of Baginton Hall, Warwickshire. Dugdale doubtless saw to it that when they had been facsimiled for the Book of Seals they were returned to Haseley. One of them was at Goodrest, Reading, in 1875, but where it is now it has proved impossible to discover. The Throckmortons of Haseley were an offshoot of the family of that name settled at Coughton. Queen Mary gave Haseley to Michael Throckmorton, secretary of Cardinal Pole, when it fell in to the Crown on the attainder of John duke of Northumberland in 1553. Michael Throckmorton, who had been in Italy with the cardinal, preferred to live at Mantua and gave Haseley to his nephew Clement, third son of Sir George Throckmorton of Coughton. Clement became a protestant and his son, Job, was, says Dugdale, 'one of those notable Zelots in Q. Eliz. Time'. Job's son, Sir Clement, was 'a Gentleman not a little eminent for his Learning and Eloquence'.² He was the father of the Clement Throckmorton of 1640.

William Lord
Craven

Seven Warwickshire charters are entered in the Book of Seals as in the possession of William Lord Craven at Combe (499–505). The date of the entry is given as November 1641. William Craven, earl of Craven, was the son of a man who, born at Apple-treewick near Skipton, was sent to London when no more than a boy to be apprenticed to a merchant taylor, was elected Lord Mayor in 1610, and died a rich man. His son William was born in 1606 and took service with the Prince of Orange before he was twenty. Charles I knighted him in 1627 and made him Baron Craven of Hampstead Marshall, Berkshire. With Prince Rupert Lord Craven was captured in 1637 during the expedition under Charles Lewis, eldest son of the Queen of Bohemia, to try to weaken the imperial hold on the Palatinate. Lord Craven ransomed himself in the autumn of 1639. It was presumably while he was in England at this time that the Combe charters were secured for the Book of Seals. Dugdale gives no information about Lord Craven's acquisition of the estate and there is no evidence that he ever lived there. Most of his time was spent at the court of Elizabeth of Bohemia, for whom he seems to have felt a romantic affection. He repeatedly helped Charles I, and Charles II after him, with money and was rewarded with an earldom.

Sir Thomas
Shirley of
Botulf Bridge

Five charters are described in the Book of Seals as belonging to Sir Thomas Shirley of Botulf Bridge in the county of Huntingdon, knight. He was one of the scholars who signed the antiquaries' agreement discussed earlier in this Introduction³ and his name is often mentioned in Dugdale's letters. In his *History of Warwickshire* Dugdale describes him as 'a great Lover of Learning, and especially affected to Antiquities, in the study whereof he hath attained to much knowledge, and thereby given no small Lustre to this antient and worthy Family'.⁴ He was born about 1590, knighted in 1622, and established by his father in the manor of Bottle Bridge, now part of Orton Longueville. Nothing of the house remains, for already in 1669 Sir Robert Cotton said that

¹ In his *History of Warwickshire* Dugdale refers to Nos. 512 and 513 as 'penes W. Sheldon de Beoley'. In vol. 100 of his MS. collections Dodsworth has entered these two charters with Nos. 507, 506, 509, and two other charters not in BS under the heading 'In cartis Clementis Throckmorton de Haseleye in com Warewici ar. per Willelmum Dugdale

generosum'. It seems probable, since Dodsworth supports BS, that the attribution of Nos. 512 and 513 to W. Sheldon of Beoley in the *History of Warwickshire* is erroneous.

² *History of Warwickshire*, 1765 ed., 457.

³ See above, pp. xxii–xxiii.

⁴ 1765 ed., 437.

'the place where this ancient house was is now converted into a wood ground'. His father settled on him in addition to Bottle Bridge, the manors of South Newington in Oxfordshire and Dorsington in Gloucestershire and part of the manor of King's Newton in Warwickshire. Sir Thomas was the author of a book called *The Catholic Amorist* and is described in the history of the Shirley family written by a member of that house as 'a violent and bigoted Roman Catholic'. Sir Thomas himself claims that he suffered 'losses, dishonours, disgraces pecuniary . . . for the love of God'.¹ Already in 1632 the manor of Bottle Bridge was seized for Sir Thomas's recusancy, and although he was discharged in 1634 he mortgaged the manor in 1637 for £500. The first entry in Dugdale's *Diary* is the note under 1643 'Sir Thomas Shirley lyeth at Mr Turpin's house at Morloix in France'. In 1653 he was at his nephew's house at Staunton Harold and he died in London early in the next year. His contribution to the *Book of Seals* is a group of charters all relating to the Nevilles of Scotton in Lincolnshire (25-7, 35, 36).

It is worth noticing that although Sir Edward Dering was one of the signatories of the antiquaries' agreement discussed earlier in this Introduction,² none of his charters are in the *Book of Seals*. He was building up the great collection of documents at Surrenden in Kent in the years before the Civil War.³ But Sir Edward became a violent opponent of the policy of Laud, and in the words of a Kent historian 'he constituted himself the adviser and leader of the restless and complaining in his county'.⁴ It is possible that Sir Edward was out of touch with his friends of 1638 before work on the *Book of Seals* was well begun. Although Sir Edward Dering's charters are not represented in the *Book of Seals*, charters from two collections owned by Parliamentarians appear there.

None of Sir Edward Dering's charters in book

Sir Thomas Pelham succeeded his father in his estates in Sussex in 1624 and himself died in 1654, when he was succeeded by another Thomas.⁵ The Sir Thomas of the *Book of Seals* represented his county in both the Short and Long parliaments of 1640 and acted as sequestrator for royalist property in Sussex.⁶ The charters entered under his name are Pelham family deeds (492-8). It is noteworthy that in entering them no indication is given of the part of the country from which they were derived as is done in the case of almost every other heading. It is possible therefore that they were not acquired directly from Sir Thomas Pelham himself. It is also possible that Sir Thomas knew nothing about the proposal to make the *Book of Seals* and include his documents in it. About 1620 the Sir Thomas, then head of the family, appears to have had his pedigree registered,⁷ as it was again registered in the visitation of 1634, which Philipot made in association with George Owen, York Herald.⁸ In his article on the origin of the Finches Round refers to a paper of his own on the Pelhams, which has not been found. Of Philipot Round says: 'he deals . . . with Finch precisely as he deals with Pelham. Each

Sir Thomas Pelham

¹ *Stemmata Shirleiana*, E. P. Shirley, Westminster, 1873, 120-6, whence the facts about Sir Thomas are taken.

² See pp. xxii-xxiii.

³ *Archaeologia Cantiana*, i. 50-65. See also Mr. C. E. Wright's contribution to the forthcoming volume in memory of Professor H. M. Chadwick.

⁴ *Ibid.* 60.

⁵ *VCH Sussex*, ix. 79.

⁶ 'The Civil War in Sussex', *Sussex Archaeological Collections*, v. 101.

⁷ 'The Early Heraldry of Pelham', *ibid.* lxix. 70.

⁸ *Archaeologia Cantiana*, ix. 33.

of these families could be traced . . . to an undistinguished Sussex man living under Edward I; for each of them he invented a distinguished pedigree from a far antecedent date . . . by deliberately tampering with the evidence of public records'.¹ Philipot's latest biographer suggests that this bogus pedigree was in all probability taken over from an earlier fabrication.² However that may be, there is no doubt that when Philipot accepted the pedigree he must have inspected the deeds. It is at least arguable that the Pelham documents in the Book of Seals remained in Philipot's hands after his visitation of 1634 or even from an earlier occasion. He may well have produced them for the Book of Seals, informing those who made it as to the name of the true owner of the deeds.

*Sir William
Constable,
formerly of
Holme on
Spalding
Moor*

The other parliamentarian whose deeds are in the Book of Seals is Sir William Constable of Holme on Spalding Moor.³ He married Dorothy daughter of the first Baron Fairfax and was therefore uncle by marriage of Sir Thomas Fairfax, the Parliamentarian general. Fairfax would have saved the king's life if he could and he refused to act as a judge at the trial. He was a lover of learning, the protector of the Bodleian Library when Oxford was taken, and the patron of Dodsworth. Constable, on the other hand, was assiduous in attendance as a judge at the king's trial and was one of the signatories of his death warrant. Sir William had sold his manor of Holme in 1633 and his manor of Flamborough in 1636, so that in the Book of Seals he is accurately described as 'formerly' of Flamborough and Holme. That he had also parted with his charters when he sold his land there is no evidence but a high probability. It may be significant that Dodsworth himself had in his possession two Constable deeds when the Book of Seals was made (488-489). In this company of royalists the Sussex sequestrator and the Yorkshire regicide seem strangely out of place.

¹ *Sussex Archaeological Collections*, lxx. 31.

² *Archaeologia Cantiana*, lx. 45.

³ The 'Constables' Evidences' are discussed in another connexion earlier in this Introduction; see pp. xviii-xix.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK OF SEALS

Folio

- 1 No heading, but 'Freschwillis . . .' in pencil at head of folio. Nos. 1 and 2. 27 in top left-hand corner.
- 1v. Blank.
- 2 Ex armario cartarum prenobilis domine Katerine ducisse Buck' decimo Julii. Nos. 3-6. The heading in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 2v. Adhuc ex armario cartarum eiusdem domine Katerine ducisse Buck' 1641. No. 7.
- 3 Adhuc ex amario cartarum eiusdem domine Katerine ducisse Buck' 1641. Nos. 8-10.
- 3v. Adhuc ex armario cartarum eiusdem domine Katerine ducisse Buck' 1641. Nos. 11 and 12.
- 4 Ex armario cartarum prenobilis domine Katerine ducisse Buck' July 1641. Nos. 13 and 14. 'ducisse Buck' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 4v. Adhuc ex armario eiusdem domine Katerine ducisse Buck' 1641. Nos. 15-17.
- 5 Adhuc ex armario cartarum eiusdem Katerine ducisse Buck' 1641. Nos. 18-20.
- 5v. Blank.
- 6 Ex cartis Henrici comitis Huntingdon' anno 1640. No. 21. The heading in pencil on top left-hand side.
- 6v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici comitis Huntingdon. Nos. 22 and 23.
- 7 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici comitis Huntingdon. No. 24.
- 7v. Ex cartis Thome Shirley de Botulf-bridge in com' Hunt' militis. Nos. 25-7. The heading in pencil on top left-hand side.
- 8 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici comitis Huntingdon. Nos. 28-30.
- 8v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici comitis Huntingdon. Nos. 31 and 32.
- 9 Ex cartis Henrici comitis Huntingdon' anno 1640. Nos. 33 and 34. 'comitis Hunt'' in the top left-hand corner.
- 9v. Ex cartis Thome Shirley de Botulf-bridge in comitatu Huntingdon militis. Nos. 35 and 36.
- 10 Ex cartis Thome domini Fauconberge. No. 37. 'Belasis' in pencil in top left-hand corner. 'Enquire of Mr Allen the paynter in whose hand to vouch this deede' in pencil along the top of the folio.
- 10v. Blank.
- 11 Ex cartis Hamonis le Strange militis. No. 38. 'Penes Hamonem le Strange militem' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 11v. Ex cartis Roberti Bertie comitis Lindsey summi camerarii Anglie. Nos. 39-42.
- 12 Ex cartis Simonis Harcourt militis. Nos. 42 and 43. 'Penes Simonem Harcourt militem' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 12v. Adhuc ex cartis Simonis Harecourt militis. No. 44. 'Adhuc Harecourt' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 13 Ex cartis domini Thome Aston de Aston in comitatu Cestrie militis. December 1640. This date has been corrected to 1641 by writing *i* over the *o*. The correct reading should probably be 1640, see folio 14. This folio is divided in half by a line drawn midway across the folio. In the top half No. 45 is entered. Below the line runs the heading 'Ex cartis Roberti Arden de Parkhall in comitatu Warr' armigeri. November 1641.' Nos. 46-8. A previous pagination in top right-hand corner '1'.
- 13v. Ex cartis eiusdem Roberti Arden Armigeri. November 1641. Nos. 49-52.
- 14 Ex cartis domini Thome Aston de Aston comitatu Cestrie militis December 1640. The heading in pencil in the top left-hand corner. No. 53. Below No. 53 a line marks off the rest of the folio and a new heading runs 'Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Robert Arden Armigeri 1641'. No. 54. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 14v. Ex cartis Gervasii Hollies de Grimsby in comitatu Linc' armigeri November 1641. Nos. 55-7.
- 15 Ex cartis Willelmi Ward de castro Dudley armigeri Marc' 1640. At the top left-hand corner in pencil 'Ex cartis apud castrum de Dudley comitatu Staff' remanentibus Marc' 1640.' No. 58.

Folio

- 15v., 16 No. 59 is written across the whole width of the open book, the first line running from bottom to top of folio 15v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem [blank] Ward de castro de Dudley in comitatu Staff' armigeri 1640. In top right-hand corner of 16 '2'.
- 16v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi Ward de castro de Dudley in comitatu Staff' armigeri. No. 60.
- 17 Ex cartis Henrici St George militis Norroy Regis armorum. 'St George' in pencil above the end of the heading. No. 61. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 17v. Blank.
- 18 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 62 and 63. A capital L above No. 62 and capital M above No. 63. In top right-hand corner '18'.
- 18v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 64 and 65.
- 19 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 66 and 67. A capital D above No. 66.
- 19v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 68-70. 'Penes St George militem' in pencil above. A capital R above No. 68. A capital J and 'Stoke-Alderton' above No. 70.¹
- 20 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 71-3. A capital K above No. 71. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 20v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 74 and 75.
- 21 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 76-8. 'St. George' in pencil in top right-hand corner.
- 21v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 79-81.
- 22 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 82-5. Above 82 a capital B or above 84 a capital D are written in pencil. Earlier numbering 143 and 144 can be read below the present numbering 84 and 85. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 22v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. No. 86. In pencil No. '145' beside No. 86.
- 23 Adhuc ex cartis Henrici St George militis. Nos. 87-9. 'St George' in pencil above the heading. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 23v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 90 and 91.
- 24 Adhuc ex cartis Henrici St George militis. No. 92. In top right-hand corner '18'.
- 24v. Blank.
- 25 Ex cartis Henrici St George militis Norroy Regis Armorum. This heading is written over the pencil note of the same words. Nos. 93-6. In top right-hand corner '1 . . '.
- 25v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Note of the heading in pencil on its left hand. Nos. 97-100.
- 26 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. No. 101. A capital G is written above No. 101. In top right-hand corner '59'.
- 26v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 102-4. A capital H is written above No. 102.
- 27 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 105 and 106. A capital V is written above No. 105. In top right-hand corner '160'.
- 27v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 107-9.
- 28 Ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. The full heading giving his title in pencil above. Nos. 110-12. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 28v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 43 and 44. 'St George' in pencil above the heading.
- 29 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 115-17. A capital A is written above No. 115. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 29v. Ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 118 and 119.
- 30 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. No. 120. 'Fineshade' is written in pencil above No. 120.¹
- 30v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 121-3. 'Clay coton' above No. 121.¹ A capital E above No. 122.

¹ Doubtless in the hand of Baker; see above, pp. xxx-xxxi.

Folio

- 31 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 124-6.
- 31v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 127-9. Capitals ?O and W are written above Nos. 125 and 126.
- 32 Ex authographo penes Willelmum Howard militem balnei. No. 130. 'Penes Will' Howard militem balnei' in pencil. 'Adhuc ex cartis antedicti Henrici St George militis' is written as a heading below No. 130 and above No. 131. In top right-hand corner '95'.
- 32v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 132-4.
- 33 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 135 and 136. In top right-hand corner '12'.
- 33v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. No. 137.
- 34 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 138 and 139. 'St George' in pencil in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '59'.
- 34v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 140-2.
- 35 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 143-5. In top right-hand corner '9'.
- 35v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George militis. Nos. 146-9.
- 36 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 150-3. A Capital G above No. 152 in pencil.
- 36v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 154-7. A capital G above No. 154 in pencil.
- 37 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 158-60.
- 37v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 161-3.
- 38 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George. Nos. 164-8. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 38v. No heading. No. 169 and below it 'Hactenus ex cartis eiusdem Henrici St George'.
- 39 Ex cartis Thome comitis Strafford locum tenentis Hibernie. No. 170. The heading in pencil above the charter and under the scarlet heading.
- 39v. Blank.
- 40 Ex cartis Johannis Philipott Somerset armigeri anno 1640. Nos. 171-4. 'Penes Joh' Philipot Som' in pencil in top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '5'.
- 40v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 175-8. 'Penes Joh' Philipot Som' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 41 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 179-82. 'Penes Joh' Philipot Som' in pencil in top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 41v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 183-7. 'Penes Joh' Philipot Som' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 42 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 188-91.
- 42v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 192-4.
- 43 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 195-7. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 43v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 198-201.
- 44 Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 202-4.
- 44v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 205 and 206.
- 45 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 207-9.
- 45v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. No. 210.
- 46 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 211 and 212.
- 46v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 213 and 214, written side by side across the length of the folio.
- 47 Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot armigeri Somerset Herald. Nos. 215-18. 'Ex chartis Joh. Phil Som' in pencil in the top left-hand corner of the folio.
- 47v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 219-22. 'Ex cartis Joh Philipot Som' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 48 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 223-5.
- 48v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 227 and 228, written across the length of the folio. 'Joh Pt' in pencil in top left-hand. '5' above folio number.

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- 49 Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 228 and 229. 'Adhuc ex chart. Joh' P. S.' in pencil in the bottom right-hand corner of the folio. In top right-hand corner '5'.
- 49v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 230 and 231.
- 50 Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot Somerset. No. 232. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 50v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. No. 233 written across the length of the folio.
- 51 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipot Somerset. No. 234 written across the length of the folio. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 51v. Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot Somerset. No. 235 written across the length of the folio.
- 52 ... Johannis Philipot armigeri Somerset Herald anno 1640. No. 236. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 52v. Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 237-9.
- 53 Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 240 and 241. 'Penes Joh' Ph'' in pencil in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 53v. Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot armigeri. No. 243.
- 54 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 243 and 244. 'Joh' Phil' S'' in pencil in the top right-hand corner. 56 in pencil above 54.¹ In top right-hand corner '6'.
- 54v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 245 and 246.
- 55 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 247-9. In top right-hand corner '9'.
- 55v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 250 and 251.
- 56 Adhuc ex cartis Johannis Philipot Somerset. Nos. 252-5. See note to charter No. 252.
- 56v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 256-9.
- 57 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 260-3.
- 57v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 264-8.
- 58 Ex cartis Johannis Philipott Somerset armigeri anno 1640. Nos. 269-72.
- 58v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 273-6.
- 59 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Johannis Philipott Somerset. Nos. 277-9.
- 59v. Blank.
- 60 Ex cartis Willelmi le Neue Clarenceux Regis Armorum. Nos. 280-2. 'Ex evidenc' Will le Neue Regis Ar'' in pencil in the right-hand bottom corner. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 60v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 283-6. 'Will' le Neue' in top left-hand corner and heading repeated in pencil also.
- 61 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 287-9. Heading repeated in pencil above. 'Will' le Neue' in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 61v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 290-3.
- 62 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 294-6. 'Adhuc Willelmi le Neue' in pencil in top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '20'.
- 62v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 297-300. 'Adhuc W' le Neue' in pencil in top right-hand corner and partially obscured by the heading, its words are repeated.
- 63 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 301-3. 'Adhuc W' le Neue' in pencil in top right-hand corner and the words of the heading are repeated in pencil immediately above it. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 63v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 304-7. The heading is repeated in pencil above. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in the top right-hand corner.
- 64 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 308-10. The heading in pencil above and 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '5'. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 64v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 311-13.
- 65 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 314 and 315. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 65v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 316-18.

¹ Doubtless in Baker's hand.

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- 66 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. No. 319. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 66v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. No. 320. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in top left-hand corner and the heading in pencil above the document.
- 67 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 321 and 322. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in top left-hand corner and the heading repeated in the centre. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 67v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 323 and 324. Heading repeated above and 'Will' le Neue' in top left-hand corner.
- 68 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 325 and 326. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 68v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 327-9.
- 69 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 330-2. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 69v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 333-5.
- 70 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 336-8. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top right-hand corner and 'Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Will' le Neue' in pencil above the heading.
- 70v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 339-41. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 71 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 342-4. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '8'.
- 71v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 345-7. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 72 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 348-51. In top right-hand corner '5'.
- 72v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 352-4.
- 73 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis anno 1641. Nos. 355-7. In top right-hand corner '6'.
- 73v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 358 and 359.
- 74 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 360 and 361. 'Ex cartis Willelmi le Neue militis Clarenceux Regis armorum' in pencil above the heading. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 74v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. No. 362. The heading in pencil on top of folio. 'Will le Neue' in pencil in top left-hand corner.
- 75 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 363-5. 'Adhuc Willelmi le Neue' in top left-hand corner. The heading in pencil on top of the folio. In top right-hand corner '22'.
- 75v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 366-9. The heading in pencil on the top of the folio. 'Will' le Neue' in the top left-hand corner.
- 76 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 370-2. 'Adhuc Willelmi le Neue militis' in pencil in the top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 76v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 373-6.
- 77 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 377-80. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 77v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis 1641. Nos. 381-3.
- 78 Adhuc ex cartis Willelmi le Neue militis Clarenceux Regis armorum anno 1640. Nos. 384 and 385.
- 78v. Adhuc ex cartis Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 386 and 387.
- 79 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 388 and 389.
- 79v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 390 and 391.
- 80 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 392 and 393. In top right-hand corner '27'.
- 80v. Adhuc ex cartis Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 394 and 395.
- 81 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 396 and 397. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 81v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 398 and 399.
- 82 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue. Nos. 400 and 401. The heading in pencil on the top of the folio. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in the top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '29'.

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- 82v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 402 and 403. The heading in pencil on the top of the folio. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in the top left-hand corner.
- 83 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi le Neue militis. Nos. 404 and 405. The heading in pencil on the top of the folio. 'Adhuc Will' le Neue' in the top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '10'.
- 83v. Blank.
- 84 Ex cartis domini Simonds D'Ewes de Stow Langtoft in comitatu Suff' militis anno 1640. Nos. 406-8. Heading in pencil without date at top of the folio. 'Blomfield . . . 504' in pencil above No. 407.¹ In top right-hand corner '8'.
- 84v. No heading.² Nos. 409 and 410.
- 85 No heading.² Nos. 411 and 412.
- 85v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem domini Simonds D'Ewes militis 1640. Nos. 413 and 414.
- 86 No heading.² No. 415.
- 86v., 87 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem domini Simonds D'Ewes militis 1640. No. 416 is written across the whole width of the open book, the first line running from bottom to top of folio 15v. Each folio is headed with the same phrase.
- 87v. No heading.² Nos. 417 and 418.
- 88 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem domini Simonds D'Ewes militis 1640. No. 88.
- 88v., 89 No heading.² Nos. 420-2. No. 420 is written straight across the open book. No. 421 is on 88v. and No. 422 on 89.
- 89v. Blank.
- 90 Ex cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. No. 423. A pencil note of the heading above it and in the bottom right-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 90v. Adhuc ex eisdem cartis in bibliotheca Cottoniana. Nos. 424-6. A pencil note of the heading above it.
- 91 Adhuc ex cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. No. 427. A pencil note of the heading above it. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 91v. Adhuc ex cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. Nos. 428-30. A pencil note of the heading above it.
- 92 Adhuc ex eisdem cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. Nos. 431-3. A pencil note of the heading above it. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 92v. Adhuc ex cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. Nos. 434 and 435. A pencil note of heading above it.
- 93 Adhuc ex cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. No. 436. A pencil note of the heading above it. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 93v. Adhuc ex cartis in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. Nos. 437-9. A pencil note of the heading above it.
- 94 Ex authographo in Bibliotheca Cottoniana. No. 440. A pencil note of the heading above it.
- 94v. Blank.
- 95 Ex authographo in Bibliotheca Arundeliana. No. 441. A pencil note of the heading above it.
- 95v. Blank.
- 96 Ex armario cartarum prenobilis domini Georgii comitis Rutland apud Beluoir x^o Nouember anno 1640. Nos. 442 and 443. A pencil note of the heading in the top left-hand corner.
- 96v. Adhuc ex armario cartarum eiusdem domini Georgii comitis Rutland 1640. Nos. 444 and 445.
- 97 Ex armario cartarum prenobilis domini Georgii comitis Rutland apud Beluoir Nouember 1640. Nos. 446 and 447.
- 97v. Adhuc ex armario cartarum eiusdem domini Georgii comitis Rutland 1640. Nos. 448 and 449.
- 98 Adhuc ex armario cartarum eiusdem domini Georgii comitis Rutland 1640. No. 450.
- 98v. Blank.
- 99 Ex cartis Willelmi Sauill de Thornhill in comitatu Ebor' Baronett' July 1641. Nos. 451-3.
- 99v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi Sauill de Thornhill Baronet 1641. Nos. 454 and 455.
- 100 Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi Sauill de Thornhill Baronet 1641. Nos. 456 and 457.
- 100v. Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi Sauill de Thornhill baronet' 1641. Nos. 458 and 459.
- 101 Penes Rogerum Dodsworth de comitatu Eboracensi generosum September 1641. Nos. 460-3.

¹ ? In Madden's hand.² There can be no doubt that this folio also contains Sir Simonds's charter.

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- 101v. *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* 1641. Nos. 464 and 465.
- 102 *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. Nos. 466–8. In top right-hand corner '1' corrected to '2'.
- 102v. *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. Nos. 469–72.
- 103 *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* 1641. Nos. 473–5. In top right-hand corner '3' corrected to '4'.
- 103v. *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. No. 476.
- 104 *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* 1641. Nos. 477–9. 'Penes Rogerum Dodsworth' in pencil in top left-hand corner. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 104v. *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. Nos. 480 and 481.
- 105 *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. Nos. 482 and 483. In top right-hand corner '3'.
- 105v. *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. Nos. 484 and 485.
- 106 *Penes Rogerum Dodsworth de comitatu Eboracensi generosum* September 1641. No. 486. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 106v. *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. Nos. 487 and 488.
- 107 *Adhuc penes Rogerum Dodsworth generosum* September 1641. No. 489. In top right-hand corner '4'.
- 107v. Blank.
- 108 *Penes Ricardum Yardley de comitatu Warr' generosum anno* 1641. No. 490. 'Penes Ric Yardley de Warr' gen' anno 1641' in pencil in the top left-hand corner. Below No. 490 the heading occurs 'Penes Antonium Stoughton de St John in comitatu Warr' 1641'. No. 491. 'Penes Antonium Stoughton' in pencil immediately above it.
- 108v. Blank.
- 109 *Ex cartis Thomæ Pelham militis*. Nos. 492 and 493. A pencil note of the heading above it.
- 109v. *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Thome Pelham militis*. Nos. 494 and 495. 'Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem' in pencil in the top left-hand corner.
- 110 *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Thomæ Pelham militis*. Nos. 496 and 497. The heading in pencil above. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 110v. *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem*. . . 'Henrici St George' has been deleted from this heading. No. 498. 'Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem' in pencil in the top left-hand corner.
- 111 *Ex cartis Willelmi domini Crauene apud Combe in comitatu Warr' Nouember* 1641. Nos. 499–502. 'Penes Willelmum dominum Crauene' in pencil in the top left-hand corner.
- 111v. *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi domini Crauen apud Combe in comitatu Warr' 1641*. Nos. 503–5.
- 112 *Ex cartis Clementis Throckmorton de Haseley in comitatu Warr' armigeri anno* 1640. No. 506. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 112v. *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Clementis Throckmorton armigeri*. Nos. 507–11.
- 113 *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Clementis Throckmorton armigeri*. Nos. 512–14.
- 113v. Blank.
- 114 *Ex cartis Willelmi Constable quondam de Holme et de Flamburgh Baronetti*. Nos. 515–17. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 114v. *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi Constable Baronetti*. Nos. 518–20.
- 115 *Adhuc ex cartis eiusdem Willelmi Constable Baronetti*. Nos. 521–5. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 115v. Blank.
- 116 *Ex cartis Roberti Brome de Wodelowe in comitatu Warr' generosi anno* 1640. Nos. 526 and 527.
- 116v. Blank.
- 117 *Ex authographo penes* . . . Stanton de Wolwardington in comitatu Warr' generosi anno 1640. No. 528.
- 117v. Blank.

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- 118 Ex cartis Edwardi Peto de Chesterton in comitatu Warr' militis. No. 529. A note of the heading in pencil in the top left-hand corner. 'Ex chartis . . . ' in pencil in the bottom right-hand corner.
- 118v. Blank. On folios 119 to 128 an attempt has been made to present a comprehensive view of the seals of English and Welsh boroughs and corporate institutions. The work was never completed. The counties are dealt with alphabetically, first the English and then the Welsh counties. Each seal is depicted hanging from a scroll on which the description of the owner of the seal is written.
- 119 Comitatus Bedford The common seale of the maior and bailiffs of the towne of Bedford. Comitatus Buckingham. A blank scroll. The comon seale of ye maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Chipping Wickombe. The common seale of the baliff and burgesses of Buckingham. The seale of the baliff of the borough of Aylesbury. Note it hath 2 burgesses of Parliament though no incorporacion. Two blank scrolls.
- Comitatus Berke. The common seale of the maior burgesses and commonaltie of the borough of Wallingford. The common seale of the maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough of New Windsor. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Redding. The common seale of the maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Abingdon. In top right-hand corner '1'.
- 119v. Comitatus Cornwall; The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Leskeret alias Leskerd. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Portpitham. The common seale of the maior and communaltie of the borough of Dunheuer alias Launceston. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Helston. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of Lostwithell. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Truro. The other side of the common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Truro, dependent from a separate scroll. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Tregony. The seale of the maior of the borough of Camelford and the free burgesses. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Bodwyn. The seale of the maior and inhabitants of the borough of Killington; blank circles, the outer of which is 1 in. in diameter, depend from this scroll. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Bossiny and Rauena. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of Grandpond. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Saltash. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of Eastdelowe. The seale of the maior and communaltie of the borough of St. Mawes. The seales of the provost and burgesses of the borough of Michell; four double circles, the outer circle of each $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in diameter, depend by lines from this scroll. The common seale of the prepositus or prouost and burgesses of ye borough of Penryne. The seale of the prepositus or prouost of ye towne and borough of St Iues alias Ies and ye rest of ye chief inhabitants ther. The seale of the prepositus or prouost of the borough of St Iermans. The seales of ye viandres of the borough of Newport and the freeholders of ye same borough. The seales of the burgesses of the borough of Foye; four double circles, the outer of each a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in diameter, depend by lines from this scroll.
- 120 Comitatus Cantabrigia The seale of the maior of the towne of Cambridge. The seale of office of ye Vice chancellor of Cambridge.
- Comitatus Cestr'; The seale of the maior and 53 cittiezens of the cittie of Chester and sealed with 32 ordinarie seales.
- Comitatus Cumberland; the seale of the maior and baliffs of ye citty of Carlile.
- Comitatus Derby: The common seale of the maior aldermen and burgesses of ye borough of Chesterfeild. The common seale of the baliffs and burgesses of the towne of Derby.
- Comitatus Deuon'; The common seale of the maior and communaltie of ye borough of Plimouth. The seale of office of ye maior of Plimouth; this seal bears the date 1595. The seale of the maior recorder and 33 burgesses and 33 ordinarie seales of ye cittie of Exeter; no seal terminates the line depending from this scroll. The seale of the maior of the borough of Plimpton Earle. The seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Berealbeston alias Berelston. The common seale of the maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardres. In top right-hand corner '10'.

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- 120v. Comitatus Deuon; The common seale of the maior chief burgesses and assistants of the towne and parish of Tyuerton. The seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Totnes which though in the inscription it is said to be SIGILL' OFFICII MAIORATUS yet in ye indenture it is said to be ye common seale. The seale of the burgesses of the borough of Tauistocke; a double circle, the outer circle 1 in. in diameter, with no device or legend, depends from this scroll. The common seale of the maior and aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Barnstable.
- Comitatus Dorset; The common seale of the baliffs of the borough of Bridport. The common seale of the baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Dorchester. The common seal of the maior barons and burgesses of the towne and borough of Corffe Castle in the Isle of Purbeck. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the towne of Lyme Regis; a double circle, the outer circle $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in diameter, with no device or legend, depends from this scroll. The common seale of ye maior aldermen and burgesses and the communalitie of ye countie towne of Poole. The seale of the maior burgesses and inhabitants of Shafton alias Shafsbury. The seales of the maior and baliffs of the borough and towne of Wymouth and Melcombe Regis; no seal terminates the line depending from the scroll. The seales of the maior and burgesses of Wareham; no seal terminates the line depending from this scroll.
- 121 Comitatus Ebor'. The common seale of the maior aldermen and burgesses of ye borough of Pontifract. The seale of the borough of Richmond. A blank scroll. The seale of Office of ye sheriff of Kingston upon Hull. The common seale of the burgesses of the borough of Beuerley. Two blank scrolls. The common seale of the towne of Hedon in Holdernes. Two blank scrolls. Two more blank scrolls, one each side of the Hedon seal.
- Comitatus Essex. The seale of office of the baliff of the towne of Colchester. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of Maldon. This is sealed upon the backside of Maldon seale. The seale of office of the towne of Harwich. In top right-hand corner '2'.
- 121v. Comitatus Glouc'; Three blank scrolls.
- Comitatus Heref'. The seale of the maior and 35 other cittiezens of the cittie of Hereford; nothing dependent from this scroll. The seales of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Leamer alias Lamster; nothing dependent from this scroll.
- Comitatus Hertford. Two blank scrolls.
- Comitatus Hunt'; The seales of the baliffs and 15 burgesses of the towne and borough of Huntingdon; nothing dependent from this scroll.
- Comitatus Kanc'; The seale of office of ye maior of the borough of Maidston the jurates and communalitie of the same. The seale of office of the lord Zouche St Maure and Cantilupe constable of ye castle of Douer and keeper of ye Cinque Ports. NOTE that the lord Warden of the 5 ports doth returne under this seale 2 burgesses for each of the ports, that is to say, Hastings, Winchelsey, Rya, Rumney, Hyeth and Sandwich, and signed by my lords deputie Edwardus dominus Zouche constabularius castri Douer et custos quinque portuum. The seale of office of the maior of the cittie of Canterbury, 12 aldermen and 75 burgesses. The seale of office of the maior 10 cittizens and aldermen and 30 other cittizens of the cittie of Rochester. The seale of office of the towne of Douer. The seales of the maior baliffs and other burgesses of Quinburgh; nothing depends from the scroll.
- 122 Comitatus Lancast'; The common seale of the maior baliffs aldermen and burgesses and comunaltie of the port and borough of Leuerpoole. The common seale of the baliffs of the towne of Clitherow. The common seale of the baliffs and communalitie of the borough or towne of Lancaster. The common seale of ye maior aldermen and burgesses of the towne and borough of Wigan; blank circles, the outer of which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide depend from this scroll. The common seal of the maior and baliffs of the borough or towne and the rest of ye burgesses of Preston in Amundernes. The seale of the baliffe of the towne or borough and the rest of the burgesses of ye towne of Newton; nothing depends from this scroll.
- Comitatus Leycestr'; The common seale of ye maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Leycester. This is sealed on the backe side of the common seale of Leycester.

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Comitatus Lincoln'; The seale of office of ye maior of the kings maiesties towne and borough of Great Grimsbye. The seales of the sheriff and maior 10 aldermen and 7 of the cittizens of ye cittie of Lincoln'; no seal terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The common seale of the aldermen and burgesses of ye borough and towne of Staunford; blank circles, the outer of which is $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. wide, depend from this scroll. In top right-hand corner '9'.

- 122v. Comitatus Lincoln; The common seal of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Boston; blank circles, the outer of which is $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter, depend from this scroll. The common seale of the aldermen and burgesses of the borough or towne of Grantham. This is the seale on the backside of the common seale of Grantham.

Comitatus Midd': The seale of the sheriff of Middlesex. The seales of the baliffe of the libertie of the deane and chapter of the church collegiate of ye blessed Peter of Westminster of the one part and 53 cittizens of Westminster of other part; no seal depends from this scroll.

Comitatus Monmouth'. The common seale of ye maior baliffs, burgesses and comunaltie of the towne of Monmouth; blank circles, the outer of which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter, terminate the line dependent from this scroll.

Comitatus Northampton; The common seale of the maior aldermen and burgesses of the borough and parish of Higham Ferres. The seale of office of the maioraltie of ye towne of Northampton. The common seale of the maior 30 other burgesses of the borough of Brackley. The seale of the baliff burgesses and cittiezens of the cittie of Peterborough; no seal terminates the line dependent from this scroll.

- 123 Comitatus Oxford; The common seale of the maior and comunaltie of the new borough of Woodstock. The common seale of the Chauncellor masters and scholars of the universitie of Oxenford. The common seale of ye maior baliffs and comunaltie of the cittie of Oxon'. This is the seale on the backside of the common seale of the cittie of Oxon'. The common seale of ye maior aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Banbury.

Comitatus Salop; The common seale of ye baliffs and burgesses of ye towne and libertie of Bridgenorth; blank circles, the outer of which is $2\frac{3}{8}$ in. in diameter depend from this scroll. The common seale of the baliffs and burgesses of our lord the king of his towne of Salop. The common seale of the baliffs 4 esquiers, 6 gents, the chief and common clerke and 19 other burgesses of ye towne and borough of Great Wenlock. The common seale of the baliff and burgesses of the towne and borough of Bishopscastell, a blank circle $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The seales of the bailiffs of the towne of Ludlow; nothing depends from this scroll.

- 123v. Comitatus Northumberland. The seale of office of sheriff of ye towne of Newcastle in ye countie of the towne of Newcastle upon Tyne of the one part, and the burgesses of the said towne of the other part. The common seale of the maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Barwick upon Twede. The common seale of the baliffs and burgesses of the towne of Morpitt.

Comitatus Norfolke The seale of the maior of ye borough of Kyngeslyne and 7 aldermen and burgesses and 15 other of the common counsell of the said borough; no seal terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The seales of the baliffs, 13 aldermen and burgesses and 30 of the common counsell of the towne of Great Yarmouth. The seale of office of the sheriffs of the cittie of Norwich of the one part; The maior 11 aldermen and 23 cittizens on the other part. The seale of the maior and burgesses of Castle-Rising. The seales of the maior of Theford in the countie of Norff' and Suff' and 20 gent' principall burgesses and 20 other of the comunaltie of the said borough; no seal terminates the line dependent from this scroll.

Comitatus Notingham; The seale of office of the sheriffe of the countie of the towne of Notingham on the one part and the maior recorder and 5 aldermen and 45 and many other burgesses of ye comunaltie of ye said town of ye other part. The common seale of the baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Eastretford.

- 124 Comitatus Southampton; The common seale of the maior baliffs and comunaltie of the cittie of Winton'. This is the seale on the backside of the common seale of the cittie of Winton. A blank

scroll. The common seal of the maior and burgesses of the towne or borough of Newport alias Medena. The common seal of the maior and burgesses of the towne or borough of Newlimington. The common seal of the baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Stockbridge. The common seal of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Whitchurch. The common seal of ye maior and burgesses of towne and borough of Christchurch Twinam. The common seal of ye maior and burgesses of the towne and borough of Yarmouth in Insula Vectis. The common seal of the towne of Newtowne in the Isle of Wight. The common seal of the maior and burgesses of the towne of Portsmouth; a blank circle $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. in diameter terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The seal of office of the sheriff of the towne and countie of Southampton of ye one partie; The maior aldermen and 30 burgesses and inhabitants of the towne of Southampton on ye other partie; a blank circle $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. in diameter terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The common seal of the maior and comunaltie of the burgesses of Petersfeild; blank circles, the outer of which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter terminate the line dependent from this scroll. The seal of the borough and towne of Andeuer; a blank circle about an inch in diameter terminates the line dependent from this scroll.

124v. Comitatus Stafford. The comon seal of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Tamworth. The common seal of the baliffs and burgesses of the cittie of Lichfeld. The comon seal of the maior and 9 other seals of the towne of Stafford. The common seal of the maior baliffs and 24 by the name of 24 capitall burgesses of the borough of Newcastle under Lyne. The seal of office of ye sheriff of ye cittie of Lichfeld and the baliffs and 29 other of the said cittie of the other part. Comitatus Somersett; The common seal of the maior aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Bridgwater. The seal of the maioraltie of the cittie of Bristoll. A blank scroll. The common seal of ye baliff constable and 8 other burgesses of the borough of Ilchester. The seal of the maior aldermen and cittizens of the cittie of Bathe. The seales of the constables and burgesses of the borough or towne of Minhead; no seal terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The common seal of ye maior masters and burgesses of the cittie or of the borough of Wells. This is the seal on the backside of the common seal of the cittie of Wells. The seales of the constable and baliffs with 20 other burgesses of the borough of Taunton; no seal terminates the line dependent from this scroll.

125 Comitatus Suffolke The comon seal of the baliffs and burgesses of our lord the king of the towne or borough of Aldburgh. The common seal of the aldermen and burgesses of Bury St Edmund. The common seal of the baliffs burgesses and honest men of ye towne and borough of Donwich. The seal of office of the baliffs burgesses and comunaltie of the towne and borough of Heyes alias Eye. The common seal of the maior aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Sudbury. The common seal of the baliffs and burgesses of the borough of Gippi alias Ipswich. The seal of office of the maior and towne of Orford; blank circles, the outer of which is $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter terminate the line dependent from this scroll. The common seal of the corporacion of cloth-workers in the towne of Bury St Edmond. In top right-hand corner '5'.

125v. Comitatus Surrey. The common seal of ye maior and honest men and other burgesses of the borough of Guldeforde. The seales of all borough holders of the borough of Blechingley. The seales of the burgesses of the borough of Southwark. The seales of 10 inhabitants of the borough of Riegate. The seales of all burgesses and others of the borough of Heselmere. The seales of 10 burgesses of the borough of Gatton. Nothing depends from the last five of these scrolls.

Comitatus Sussex. The common seal of the maior burgesses and comunaltie of the borough of Arundell. The seal of office of the maior ye cittizens infranchised and the comunaltie of the cittie of Chichester; a blank circle about $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in diameter terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The seales of the constables all burgesses and inhabitants of the borough of Lewes. The seales of William Steward Clerke and 15 other burgesses then at the same time present of the borough of Steyning. Nothing depends from this or the preceding scroll. The common seal of the baliffs 4 gent' and 12 other burgesses of the borough of Horsham.

126 Comitatus Sussex: The comon seal of the burgesses of the borough of Shoram. This second is

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sealed on the backside of ye common seale of the borough of Shoram. The seales of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Midhurst. The seales of the baliff 12 burgesses and others of the communalitie then present of the borough of Eastgrinsted. The seales of the burgesses of the borough of Bramber and others then present. Nothing depends from the last three scrolls.

Comitatus Warwic; The seale of office of maior aldermen and cittizens of the cittie of Couentrie. The common seale of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Warwicke. The common seale of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Tamworth.

Comitatus Westmerland The right honorable Francis earle of Cumberland sheriff of ye countie of Westmorland of the one part: note that the house of Cliffords earles of Cumberland are hereditary sheriffs of Westmerland. The seales of the maior and Thomas Followfelde, John Smith, Thomas Ubank, Robert Harrison, Gent' with divers others of ye other part of the borough of Appleby. Nothing depends from either of the Westmorland scrolls. In top right-hand corner '4'.

- 126v. Comitatus Wigorn. The common seal of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Beawdley. The common seale of ye baliff of our lord ye king of the city of Worcester, 2 aldermen, 2 chamberlins and other cityzens of ye said cittie. The seales of the baliffs and 26 more burgesses of the borough of Drowtwich; nothing depends from this scroll. The common seale of the maior aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Euesham. This second is sealed on the backside of the common seale of ye borough of Euesham. Blank circles, the outer of which is $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter, terminate the line drawn from each of the Evesham scrolls.

Comitatus Wilts: The seale of the burgesses of the towne of Old Sarum; nothing depends from this scroll. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough of Wilton; blank circles, the outer of which is $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter, terminate the line dependent from this scroll. The common seale of the maior and communalitie of ye cittie of new Sarisbury.

- 127 Comitatus Wilts; The common seale of the borough of Ludgersall. The common seale of the maior and burgesses of the borough and towne of Marlborough. The common seale of ye maior and burgesses of ye borough of Deuizes. The common seale of the baliffs and burgesses of ye borough of Chipnam. The common seale of ye aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Malmesbury. The common seale of the constables and 15 other burgesses of the borough of Calne. The common seale of the portreeue and burgesses of the borough of Great Bedwin. The common seale of ye maior and burgesses of ye borough of Wotton Bassett. The common seale of ye maior and burgesses of the borough of Westbury. The seales of the chief baliff of ye borough of Hindon and 5 gent' freeholders within the borough and inhabitants without and 5 other freeholders and inhabitants within the borough. The seales of the baliff of the hundred of Downton and constable and 21 burgesses of the said borough. The seale of the baliff burgesses and freeholders of the borough of Cricklade. The seales of the baliff and burgesses of the borough of Heytesbury. Nothing depends from these last four scrolls.

- 127v. The Cinque Ports; Seven scrolls, arranged three, three, and one, with nothing dependent from them, are labelled respectively Douor, Hastings, Hyeth, Rie, Rumney, Sandwich, and Winchelsey.

- 128 Wallia " Comitatus Flint; The seales of the baliffs 10 burgesses and other burgesses electors of one burges of the borough of Flint called le shire towne; nothing depends from this scroll.
Comitatus Glamorgan; The constables seale of Cardiffe; a blank circle about an inch in diameter terminates the line dependent from this scroll. The common seale of the 9 aldermen 2 baliffs and 24 burgesses with other burgesses of the boroughs which are members of this borough of Cardiffe called the shire towne. Note that Lantrissent villa and Cowbridge villa are members of Cardiffe. The first signes with 46 hands. The other with 72 hands. Blank circles, the outer about 1 in. terminate the line dependent from this scroll.

Comitatus Merioneth; The seale of the sheriff of the towne and countie of Hauerford West of the one part; the maior and 34 burgesses of ye towne and countie of ye other part; nothing depends from this scroll.

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Comitatus Moungomery The seales of Edward Whittingham and John James gent' chiefe baliffs and 21 burgesses of the towne or borough of Moungomery; nothing is dependent from this scroll.
Comitatus Pembroke The seales of the maior 5 aldermen and 72 other burgesses of the borough of Pembroke; nothing is dependent from this scroll.

Comitatus Radnor; The seales of the burgesses of the borough and shiretowne of New Radnor in the countie of Radnor esquires and gent'; nothing is dependent from this scroll.

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Comitatus Angls; The common seale of the maior baliffs and burgesses of the borough de Bello marisco in the countie of Anglesey. This seale is sealed on the backside of the common seale of the borough de Bello Marisco in ye countie of Anglesey.

Comitatus Brecon; The seales of the baliff 2 aldermen and 13 burgesses of the borough of Brecon alias Brechnock; nothing is dependent from this scroll.

Comitatus Cardigan; The seale of the maior and 33 burgesses of the towne of Cardigan; nothing is dependent from this scroll.

Comitatus Carmarthen; a blank scroll.

Comitatus Carnaruon; The common seale of the towne of Carnaruon.

Comitatus Denbigh. A blank scroll.

[SAMUEL ROPER?]

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PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 884, 'ex ipso autographo penes Sam. Roper'.

Charter of Thomas de Chaword, knight, confirming to Beauchief abbey, Derbs. (*de Bello capite*), in free, pure, and perpetual alms all the possessions of which the abbot and canons were seized within his fees of Norton and Alfreton, Derbs., and Wymeswold, Leics. (*Wymondwold, Wymonwold*). He confirms all the charters which they have from his *antecessores*, and grants that the present instrument of itself shall suffice for their security. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Nicholao Wak' . domino Johanne le Heriz . domino Willelmo de Staynsby dominis Willelmo et Egidio de Meynile Roberto Sautcheuerel Johanne de Anislay militibus . Roberto le Grant . Johanne de Brimington' . Hugone de Canonicis . Hugone de Lynakyr . et aliis.' (*circa* 1280–5.)

SEAL on cord: round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms hanging by a loop from a hook, two chevrons; a wyvern on either side of the shield and a lion passant below it; ✠ SIGILL[VM T]HOME DE CHAWORTH

This charter is mentioned as from the *Monasticon* in S. Pegge, 'Historical Account of Beauchief Abbey' (*Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*, ix. 116), where an account of the Chaworth family will be found; see too Farrer, *HKF* i. 153. A grant of land in Alfreton by Sir Thomas Chaworth, dated 1284, is witnessed by Robert Sacheverel (Jeayes, *Derbyshire Charters*, No. 22). William and Giles Meynil occur together in 1280–1 (*ibid.*, No. 1564). Hugh de Canonicis witnesses a charter of Thomas de Chaworth dated 1284 (Pegge, *op. cit.*). Cf. BM 8513.

2

Charter of Ralf son of Robert of Ecclesall, Yorks. W.R., with the consent of Robert his son and heir giving to Beauchief abbey with his body for burial all his land of Mattersey, Notts., with all the wood upon it. (Early 13th century)

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Omibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta peruenerit: Radulfus filius Roberti de Eccleshal salutem in domino. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me assensu et voluntate Roberti filii mei et heredis . dedisse . et concessisse . et hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo . et beate Marie . et ecclesie sancti Thome martiris de Beauchef . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus cum corpore meo totam terram meam de Maresey infra villam et extra villam cum toto bosco super existente . et cum omnibus pertinentiis . libertatibus . et communis . pasturis . pratis et piscariis . et in omnibus esiamenis ad predictam terram pertinentibus. Tenendam de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et pacifice in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum . solutam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et demanda . saluis tamen canonicis de Maresey . sex solidis argenti duobus terminis percipiendis . scilicet tres solidos ad pentecosten . et tres solidos ad festum sancti Dionisii et saluo forinseco seruitio. Et ego predictus Radulfus et heredes mei . iamdictis canonicis de Beauch' totam predictam terram cum toto bosco super existente

cum omnibus pertinentiis contra omnes homines warantizabimus. Hiis testibus . Ricardo et Johanne tunc capellanis de Ecclesfeld' . Nicholao de Wurtley Henrico de Tankerley Radulfo de Normaneville . Thoma Barboth . Helya de Eccleshal' . Rogero filio Reineri . et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, fretty on a chief a bend between two martlets; ✠ SIGILLU'. RĀDVLRĪ DE ECLESĤALĒ

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 in.; green. Shield with same arms; ✠ SIGILLU'. RĀDVLRĪ D'ECLESĤALĒ

Ecclesall Bierlow is now part of the city of Sheffield. An account of it and of the family of Ecclesall will be found in Hunter's *Hallamshire*, ed. Gatty, 340 et seq. Ralf of Ecclesall witnessed a charter of Gerard de Furnival for Kirkstead abbey in the period 1200–18 (*EYC* iii, No. 1279) and others of about the same time (*ibid.*, Nos. 1288, 1291, 1293, 1294). In 1225 the witness Henry of Tankersley presented to the church of Tankersley, which his son Richard had previously held (*Reg. Gray*, Surtees Soc. 2); and together with Nicholas of Wortley before 1227 witnessed a charter for Watton priory (*EYC* iii, No. 1685 *n.*). Nicholas of Wortley witnessed a charter for Kirkstead abbey in 1208 (*ibid.* iii, No. 1798).

EX ARMARIO CARTARUM PRENOBILIS DOMINE KATERINE DUCISSE BUCK' DECIMO JULII ANNO 1641

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Notification by Thomas the Dispenser, Geoffrey de Jort, William de Munford, Henry son of Serlo and Richard his brother, and Robert son of Picot that they have given 'Locholmewro de Fulefen' beside Holywell Hall to Garendon abbey. (Henry II)

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PRINTED: Nichols, iii, pt. ii. 811, from the Garendon cartulary.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Thomas dispensator . Gaufridus de Jort . Willemus de Munford . Henricus filius Serlonis et Ricardus frater eius . Robertus filius Picoti . salutem. Sciatis nos communi consilio et bona uoluntate et concessione hominum nostrorum de Luccebur dedisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Gerold' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute nostra et omnium antecessorum nostrorum in perpetuam elemosinam Locholmewro de Fulefen quod est iuxta terram suam de Haliwellehahe. Pro hac donatione et concessione monachi concesserunt nobis et hominibus nostris quod erimus participes omnium bonorum que fient in abbazia sua in perpetuum. Huius donationis sunt testes . magister Serlo . Nicholas sacerdos . Gillebertus sacerdos . Ricardus filius Nicholai . Radulfus armiger . Gillebertus filius militis . Radulfus parmentarius . Robertus filius Henrici . Turgisius . Gaufridus filius Nicholai.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; yellow. A circle surrounded by eight shields with curved tops, points inward; no charges.

The first donor was dispenser of the earl of Chester, of whom he held land in Loughborough; he was the ancestor of the well-known baronial house (*HKF* ii. 58 et seq.). From a number of related instruments printed by Nichols from the Garendon cartulary (*op. cit.* iii, pt. ii. 817–18) it would seem that the Thomas

of the present instrument was son of Geoffrey the Despenser and identical with the Thomas who occurs under Leicestershire in 1176 (*PR 22 Hen. II*, 185), but it is impossible to date it closely. The other donors also occur in the same documents. Holywell Hall lies about 2 miles south-west of Loughborough. Nichols's copy from the cartulary is inaccurate and incomplete.

4

Charter of Robert Blanchesmains, earl of Leicester, confirming to Garendon abbey the gifts of Ernald de Bosco and his father in Thorpe Arnold, Leics. (Late Henry II; before Mich. 1186)

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PRINTED: Nichols, ii, pt. i, app., 136.

Robertus comes Legrec' . omnibus hominibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse monachis de Geroudon' elemosinas Ernaldi de Bosco et patris sui de feodo meo in Torp' . sicut carta Ernaldi testatur . videlicet quicquid Ernaldus et pater suus et homines eorum habuerunt in Bernewang et in Medelholm cum prato pertinenti ad Medelholm . et preterea quoddam pratum iuxta Medelholm . saluo seruicio meo. Testibus his . Petronilla comitissa Legrec' . Willelmo de Bretoil . et Roberto fratre eius Asketill' Mallori . Willelmo de Chavinni . Rogero de Holm . Hamone de Hottot'.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; yellow. Equestrian; pointed helmet, sword, shield, mail shirt represented by lozengy; ✠ SIGILLVM ROBERTI [COMITIS LEICESTRIE]

Anschetil Mallory was dead at Michaelmas 1186 (*PR 32 Hen. II*, 126). William de Breteuil was the eldest son of the earl and died shortly before his father; Robert his brother succeeded to the earldom and is better known as Robert fitzParnell. The family of de Bosco were tenants of the earl's Norman honor of Breteuil from the 11th century, deriving their name from Bois-Arnault near Breteuil, upon which in turn they bestowed the distinctive name of Ernald. By marriage with Emma daughter and coheir of Payn of Houghton they acquired a moiety of Little Houghton and Brafield-on-the-Green, Northants., and other fees held of the honor of Huntingdon (*HKF* ii. 309). Owing to the fact that for more than 200 years the head of the family bore the name of Ernald it is as a rule a practical impossibility to distinguish between them.

5

Notification by Parnell, countess of Leicester, that the charter of the earl her husband confirming to Garendon abbey its rights over the wood in Shepshed, Leics., was written and sealed in her presence. (1190–1212)

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Notum sit omnibus presens scriptum uisuris uel auditoris quod ego Petronilla comitissa Leirc' sum testis de carta quam dominus comes sponsus meus fecit monachis de

Gerod' de confirmacione et libertate nemoris sui . ita quod nec pannagium porcorum grangiarum suarum . nec aliud sibi retinuit preter uenacionem et communem pasturam hominum suorum de Sepeheued . nec ipsi homines de Sepeheued uncquam postea solebant percipere in prefato nemore monachorum closturam uel aliud de consuetudine. Predicta etiam carta in presencia mea scripta fuit et sigillata contra sigillo domini mei. Et ut de hac re testimonium perhibeam ueritati in posterum presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione roborauī. Hiis testibus Herberto priore de War'. Ricardo de Martigwast' Willelmo de Soneuill' . Gregorio et W. capellanis meis . Simone et Willelmo filiis Iberti seruientibus meis et aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; yellow. A female figure standing to the dexter, wearing a long mantle; in her hand a fleur-de-lis; [SIGIL]LVM RCEST

The original charter, of which secondary evidence is here given, had presumably been lost or destroyed. The present instrument must be later than the departure of Earl Robert Blanchesmains at the end of 1189 on the crusade on which he died (*CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 532); it is probable that it was later than the death of Earl Robert fitzParnell in Oct. 1204, but this presumption is weakened by the fact that he was much absent from England, being first on crusade and afterwards occupied by the war in Normandy during which he was for a time a prisoner. The only safe limits of date are therefore 1190–1212, the death of the countess (*ibid.* vii. 533). The presence of Herbert prior of Ware is accounted for by the fact that Parnell had Ware in dower. He is mentioned in a charter of William bishop of Lincoln between 1203 and 1206 (*CDF*, No. 648, where the name is wrongly given as Hubert, see *Inventaire sommaire de l'Orne, Série H*, i. 190). It is interesting that the countess records that the original charter was sealed with the earl's counterseal. The loss of the original charter seems to have been a continuing source of anxiety to the monks; as late as 1344 they were obtaining a confirmation from Alice de Beaumont (No. 13); see also Nos. 17 and 20.

6

Agreement between the abbeys of Leicester and Garendon as to the tithes of Henley in the parish of Shepshed, Leics.—Leicester, in St. Margaret's church. 1 Dec. 1222

BS FACSIMILE.

Nouerint uniuersi ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit' controuersiam que uertebatur inter abbatem et conuentum de Leirc' ex una parte et abbatem et conuentum de Geroldon' ex altera super decimis de Henle in parochia de Scepeheued hoc pacis federe conquieuisse . scilicet quod abbas et monachi de Geroldon' soluent pro dictis decimis canonicis Leirc' annuatim sex solidos die annuntiacionis beate Marie . et ne lis semel sopita possit . iterum in recidiuiue contencionis scrupulum reuocari' utraque domus huic scripto sigillum suum apposuit. Actum in crastino sancti Andree in ecclesia beate Margarete Leirc' anno ab incarnatione domini M^oCC^oXXII^o.

SEAL on tag:¹ round, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.; not coloured. The Virgin seated on a throne under a trefoil arch, a fleur-de-lis in her right hand and the Child on her left knee; in the field on either side a tower; [✠ SIGILLVM · S]ANCTE [· MARIE · DE · PRATIS]

¹ Cf. BM 3437, abbey of Leicester; and Nichols, i, pl. xvii; both with counterseal.

7

Charter of Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester and constable of Scotland, granting to Garendon abbey a stretch of woodland in Shepshed, Leics., so that the abbot and monks may do what they like therewith. (1253-60)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis hanc cartam visuris . uel audituris . Rogerus de Quency comes Wynton' . constabularius Scotie salutem in domino. Noueritis nos concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse . abbati et monachis de Geroudon' . et eorum successoribus in liberam . puram . et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime nostre et domine Alienore dilecte sponse nostre . et omnium antecessorum nostrorum . quod possint claudere et pro voluntate sua clausum habere . haia et fossato . uel quocunque alio modo voluerint ad maius comodum suum . totum boscum suum de Kut et totam placiam ab haysa in occidentali parte caprarie sue usque ad capud de le Thweit uersus forestam . ubi abbazia eorum antiquitus fuit fundata et totum le Thweit . et de le Tweit . totam placiam in transuerso le Rakes . usque le Brende et sic inter le Brende et boscum eorundem monachorum . usque ad boscum domini Ricardi militis de Thorp et sic per fossatum . inter boscum eorundem monachorum . et boscum dicti domini Ricardi usque ad campum Geroudon'. Concessimus etiam predictis abbati et monachis . quod possint totum predictum boscum cum predictis placiis . assartare vendere et maius comodum suum quocunque modo voluerint pro voluntate sua inde facere. Preterea noueritis nos dedisse . concessisse . et hac carta nostra confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . predictis abbati et monachis et eorum successoribus . totam sauuaginam et omnes bestias siluestres cuiuscunque generis sint . quas habuerint . uel in posterum habere poterint . uel voluerint . uel que aliquo modo inuente fuerint in dicto clauso infra omnes diuisas supradictas . ad bersandum venandum . capiendum . quocunque modo voluerint uel quicquid in de voluerint faciendum . per se uel per homines suos . sine nostra uel heredum nostrorum contradictione . ita quod nullam habeant salturam. Tenendum et habendum dictis abbati et monachis et eorum successoribus in perpetuum adeo bene . libere . quiete et pacifice . sicut aliqua elemosina melius liberius quietius . dari potest teneri et haberi . nichil nobis uel heredibus nostris de dicto clauso . uel de dicta sauuagina reseruantes preter orationes in domino speciales. Nos uero et heredes nostri totum predictum clausum per omnes diuisas supradictas totam predictam sauuaginam sicut predictum est . predictis abbati et monachis et eorum successoribus contra omnes homines inperpetuum warantizabimus . defendemus . et acquietabimus. Et ut maiori gaudeant securitate' hanc presentem cartam eisdem fecimus et illam sigilli nostri inpressione corroborauimus. Hiis testibus dominis Gilberto de Calequenne Willelmo de Oelli . Johanne de Cardoill' . Johanne Bechard . Rogero de Forfare militibus . Rogero Kalbot . Willemo de Wydintona . Daudid de Betun . Rogero de Bisegge Hugone de Faffinton' . Willelmo de Faffinton' et aliis.

SEAL on tag: obv. and rev.; yellow; same as to No. 418 (q.v.); no legends.

Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester, was the son of Saher the first earl by Margaret sister and coheir of Robert fitzParnell, earl of Leicester. Roger married firstly Helen daughter and coheir of Alan lord of Galloway, constable of Scotland; secondly Maud daughter of Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex; thirdly Eleanor daughter of William de Ferrers, earl of Derby, and widow of William de Vaux. The countess Eleanor is mentioned in this charter, and since her first husband died shortly before 5 Dec. 1252 (*CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 199) it cannot be earlier than 1253; Roger himself died 25 Apr. 1264. This charter must be earlier than No. 19, although not necessarily much earlier. So that the later limit of date may be regarded as 1260. It is possible that in Richard the knight of Thorpe lies the origin of the place-name Knight Thorpe between Loughborough and Garendon.

8

Charter of Roger de Mowbray confirming to Garendon abbey a 'cultura' of land before Thorpe Arnold, Leics., of the fee of Melton Mowbray, which Gundred his mother gave before he set out for Jerusalem for the first time. (1186, or slightly earlier)

BS FACSIMILE.

Uniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis . Rogerus de Molbrai . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta me confirmasse in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie sancte Marie Geroldon' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus quandam culturam terre ante Torp' . quam Gundredis mater mea concessione mea dedit monachis in elemosinam pro triginta duabus acris cum cheuesciis et prato ad eam pertinenti libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio: sicut inde saisiti fuerunt per matrem meam antequam ego primo arriperem iter eundi Jerosolimam cum rege Francorum Ludouico . videlicet totam illam culturam que est de feodo Maltone . inter uiam que tenditur a spineto uersus Maltonam et diuisam ipsius culture et feodi de Torp . cum cheuesciis et quodam prato eidem culture adiacenti quod nuncupatur rubrum pratum. Et quicquid amplius est in predicta cultura quam triginta due acre: totum integre predictis monachis confirmaui pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum. Concessi etiam ut pro iamdicta terra si uoluerint escambium recipiant ubicunque melius et utilius sibi esse prospexerint: ita tamen ut id quod receperint remaneat et sit de feodo meo et id quod dederint de feodo unde recipient si escambium ad remanenciam fecerint. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis predictam terram inperpetuum: sicut propriam elemosinam nostram. Testibus his . Philippo de Munpinzun . Roberto Beler . Willelmo camerario . Ricardo de Queniburc' . Johanne elemosinario . Waltero de Malton' . Ragenaldo . Rogero Banastre . Ærnaldo dispensatore . Roberto clerico . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag:¹ round, 3¼ in.; yellow. Equestrian; pointed helmet, sword, shield with pointed boss, and surcoat; ✠ SIGILLVM [ROGERI DE] MOLBR[AN]

The grantor was the son of Nigel d'Aubigny and Gundred daughter of Gerard de Gournay. He took part in the second crusade in 1147 and arrived in Jerusalem for the second time about Easter 1186; he died on

¹ Cf. BM 6219; and Greenwell and Blair, *Durham Seals*, 1837 and pl. 20.

his way home (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 370–1). The reference in the charter to his first journey to Jerusalem shows that it was drawn up at a time when his second one was in contemplation. What appears to be Gundred's charter making the gift here confirmed is printed from the Garendon cartulary in Nichols, ii, pt. i, app., p. 135. It is followed by a charter, which cannot be authentic in its present form, being a conflation of the present charter and a confirmation by Roger's son. Then comes an agreement between the abbey and Ernald de Bosco, which makes it certain that the Thorp of this charter is Thorpe Arnold.

9

Confirmation by Ralf Harang to Biddlesden abbey of the agreement by which John de Leya has leased to them his land of Westbury, Bucks., for ten years. (circa 1233)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus Harang' concessi monachis de Betelesden' conuentionem inter ipsos et Johannem de Leya factam de tota terra sua cum pertinentiis que est de assarto feudi de Westbur' quam illis dimisit ad terminum decem annorum proximo subsequentium . videlicet a cathedra sancti Petri anni regni regis Henrici filii Johannis regis septimidecimi donec inde plenarie perceperint decem vesturas. Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmacio usque ad dictum terminum stabilis permaneat: pro me et heredibus meis assensu matris mei eo quod ad dotem suam pertineat . sigilli mei appositione confirmaui. Et ego et heredes mei dictis monachis predictam confirmationem et concessionem usque ad dictum terminum contra omnes gentes warantizabimus. Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Pichetoth' . Hugone capellano de Radecliue . Radulfo de Langeporth' . Jacobo foristario . Radulfo de castello . Reginaldo fabro de Charewelth' . Roberto de Waddon' . Laurencio de Fifhyde.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; not coloured. Shield of arms, three piles and a canton. ✠ SIGILLVM RENG

Westbury was acquired from William of Westbury in 1200 by Ralf Harang, father of this Ralf (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, i. 183). He was dead by 1230 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 114). In 1242–3 Ralf Harang held one knight's fee in Westbury of the earl of Clare (*Fees*, 871).

IO

Charter of Richard de Camville giving to Biddlesden abbey the land between the wood of Westbury, Bucks., and Newbottle which Oelard the clerk gave to the abbey. (Henry II; not later than 1176)

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus de Chanuill' omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et firmiter concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam illam partem terre que est inter boscum Westberie . et Niwebotle . que est in diuisa Saldestun' et Dufordie . deo et sancte Marie . et monachis de Buttlesdena . quam scilicet partem Oelardus clericus in perpetuam elemosinam illis dedit: cum omnibus predictae terre pertinentiis pro

recondensacione quadam quam illi faciunt . uidelicet unoquoque anno iij solidos . in recognicione. Hos autem iij solidos si predictam terram in propriam saisinam accepero ⁊ illis inperpetuum dimitto. Testibus Hugone de Canuill'. Pagano Westb'. Fulcone Hareng'. Radulfo Hareng'. Ricardo Hareng'. Gaufrido de Waure . Ricardo filio Osb'.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; red. A lion passant to sinister, looking backward; legend missing. The seal is attached upside down.

Newbottle is a lost place-name in Water Stratford (*EPNS Bucks.* 49); the other places named are Shalstone and Dodford in Stowe, Bucks. With this charter should be compared one of Hugh de Camville (*Oxford Charters*, No. 54), which deals with Godington, Oxon., about six miles south of the places here in question. It is witnessed by Richard de Camville and 'Alardus', who may well be identical with the 'Oelardus clericus' of this charter. Mr. Salter suggests that Hugh de Camville was probably a younger son of Richard de Camville, the elder, by his first wife, and the fact that Hugh's son Thomas was living in 1227 (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 262) affords chronological support for this view. But the Godington charter shows Hugh to have had a brother Roger, and there is no evidence that Richard had either a son Hugh or a son Roger. On the other hand, a charter of Richard for the abbey of Jumièges dated 1170 (Vernier, *Chartes de Jumièges*, Soc. Hist. Norm. ii. 1) mentions his deceased brother Roger, and his foundation charter for Combe abbey of 1150, or slightly later, is witnessed by his brother Hugh (*Mon.* v. 584). On this view the grantor is Richard de Camville, the elder, who died in 1176 (*PR* 3 & 4 *Ric.* I, xxv-xxvi), rather than Richard, his son by his second wife. It is not chronologically impossible that his nephew, Thomas de Camville, Hugh's son, should have survived as late as 1227. That the Thomas de Camville of 1227 was the son of the Hugh of the Godington charter is evident, for he mentions his mother Christina, the *domina Cristina* of the charter. The charter is copied into the Biddlesden cartulary (Harl. MS. 4714, f. 338) at the end of the Westbury section and bears no relation to the other Westbury charters, all of which are of considerably later date. This Camville interest in Westbury seems hitherto to have escaped notice. In the 13th century the Harangs became the predominant family there (*VCH Bucks.* iv. 263; cf. No. 9 *ante*).

II

Charter of William d'Aubigny the fourth confirming to Newstead priory the new place at the bridge of Uffington, Lincs., and all the gifts given by his father and others.
(1239-48)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED without witnesses in *Mon.* vi. 563 from the cartulary of Belvoir priory. Also in Nichols, ii, pt. i, app., p. 10, without witnesses.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit ⁊ Willelmus de Albanyaco quartus ⁊ salutem. Noueritis me pro salute anime mee . et pro salute anime nobilis viri domini Willelmi de Albanyaco patris mei . et pro animabus Margerie de Dunfranuile matris mee . et Albree uxoris mee . et Ysabelle uxoris mee . et antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse . et hac presente carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Nouo loco ad pontem de Offintun' et canonicis meis ibidem deo seruientibus qui sunt de fundacione dicti nobilis viri domini Willelmi patris mei ⁊ totum illum nouum locum ad pontem de Offintun' ⁊ sicut muro et fossato clauditur ⁊ cum pertinenciis . necnon et omnes donaciones . terras . homines . possessiones . redditus . et libertates cum omnibus pertinenciis et asyamentis infra villam et extra ⁊

a dicto domino Willelmo patre meo et a quocumque uel a quibuscumque donatoribus predictis canonicis et successoribus suis collatas et in posterum de feodo meo conferendas. Tenendum et habendum . predictis canonicis . et successoribus suis . libere . solute . et pacifice . integre . et quiete . inperpetuum . sicut carte donatorum suorum testantur . et cum omni utilitate que inde aliquo tempore poterit euenire. Preterea diuine pietatis intuitu do et concedo de mea gracia et liberalitate pro me et Albrea uxore mea et Ysabella uxore mea . et pro antecessoribus et successoribus nostris hanc libertatem prefate ecclesie beate Marie de Nouo loco . ut cum prior prefate ecclesie decesserit . canonici eiusdem loci liberam habeant electionem . et cum elegerint . patrono domus presentetur electus . et interim donec priorem habeant . ipsa domus et omnes redditus et possessiones eiusdem domus cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus in manu et custodia canonicorum eiusdem loci sint . et omnes redditus et exitus . et omnia bona prefate domus in usus pauperum et profectum ecclesie predictae libere . pacifice et honorifice per ipsos canonicos expendantur. Ego uero Willelmus et heredes mei predictam concessionem . et presentis carte mee confirmationem cum omnibus supradictis et pertinenciis . predictis canonicis et successoribus suis sicut liberam . puram . et perpetuam elemosinam nostram . contra omnes mortales warantizabimus . manutenebimus et defendemus inperpetuum. In huius rei securitatem huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus . Philippo decano de Karleby . magistro Johanne de la Lade persona de Offintun' . magistro Willelmo de Burgo persona de Bernak' . domino Rogero Buzun' . domino Ricardo de Bernak' . Bartholomeo de Horepol . Galfrido de Breteuile . Willelmo de Medburn' . Stephano de Stokes . militibus . Roberto clerico . Henrico de Tykesouere . Rogero filio Willelmi de Offintun' . Petro coco . Willelmo Ruffo Nicholao de Hoctun' et aliis.

SEAL on cord: round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, two chevrons and a bordure charged with roundels; ✠ SIGILL' WILL' I DE ALB

William de Burgo was instituted as rector of Barnack, Northants., in 1239 (*Reg. Grosseteste*, LRS xi. 181); Philip dean of Carlby, Lincs., was dead before the end of 1248 (*ibid.* 96, 110). The grantor was the lord of Belvoir; four of them bore the name of William in succession, and are commonly distinguished by number as in the text of this charter. For the family see Round's report on the Belvoir charters, *Hist. MSS. Com. Rutland Rep.* iv. 106-7.

I2

Agreement between Roger de Somery and the abbot and convent of Garendon touching the abbot's enclosure of Kut in Shepshed, Leics. (Mid-13th century)

BS FACSIMILE. Indented.

Hec est conuencio facta et confirmata inter dominum Rogerum de Sumery ex una parte et abbatem et conuentum de Geroudon' ex altera . uidelicet quod idem dominus Rogerus de Sumery concessit eisdem abbati et conuentui pro se et heredibus suis inperpetuum quod possint habere clausum totum boscum suum de Kut. Preterea dedit et concessit et quietum clamauit eisdem quicquid juris vel clamium habuit vel habere

potuit in eodem clauso de Kut . salua bersa sua sibi et heredibus suis . ita tamen quod haya eorundem inter clausum suum de Kut et boscum Ricardi militis de Torp non excedat quatuor pedes in altitudine . et ab angulo nemoris dicti Rogeri usque dum veniat ex opposito del Thweyt similiter quatuor pedes non excedat . et inde extranverso usque ad Thweyt tres pedes tantum habeant. Dedit etiam et concessit et quietum clamauit dictis abbati et conuentui inperpetuum pro se et heredibus suis quod possint claudere totam illam placiam bosci et quicquid in ea habuit vel habere potuit que est inter fossatum de Kut et hayam que se extendit a Thweyt ex occidentali parte marlarie usque ad bercariam cheuerie dictorum monachorum . ita quod haya tres pedes non excedat in altitudine. Et conuenit inter eos quod quociens dictus dominus Rogerus et heredes sui venerint ibi ad bersandum . intrabunt dictum clausum ad insequendum feras suas sicut eis placuerit per duas portas quas habebunt loco competenti unam scilicet iuxta le Thweyt et aliam inter le Thweyt et caprariam. Conuenit etiam inter eos quod nullam clausuram nec fossatum circa dictum clausum construent nisi quod continetur in scripto superius nominato . et si fecerint quod superfluum fuerit deponetur. In cuius rei testimonium huic scripto in modum cyrographi confecto tam dictus dominus Rogerus quam prefati abbas et conuentus utrimque sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus . domino Ricardo milite de Torp . domino Ricardo de Amberleya Nicholao de Marnham . Serlone de Torp . Ricardo filio eius Roberto Bars de Dixel . et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red. Shield of arms, two lions passant; ✠ SIGILLVM ROGERI : DE : SVMERI :

Roger de Somery married Nichola, sister and coheir of Hugh d'Aubigny, earl of Arundel, who died 7 May 1243, which Hugh was son of Mabel, sister and coheir of Ranulf III, earl of Chester (*CP*, 2nd ed. i. 237). The Despenser lands in Loughborough and the neighbourhood (Nos. 3 and 19) were held of the honor of Chester, and Roger's interest must have been derived through his wife and her mother. On the Close Roll of 1244 the service of Philip de Corlingstorp of a third of a fee in Thorpe Muntford was assigned to Roger and his wife in respect of their share of the Chester and Arundel inheritance (*Close Rolls*, 1242-7, 251). The name of Thorpe Muntford has disappeared, but Farrer (*HKF* ii. 63) suggests that it is now represented by Woodthorpe near Loughborough. This seems very likely, for the same third of a fee in Thorpe Muntford is mentioned in a list of Arundel fees of 1235-6 which includes the Despenser lands and others in this district (*Fees*, 517). The agreement must be later than the earl of Arundel's death in 1243. It is probably very little later than that date. No. 19 is witnessed by Serlo son of Richard son of Serlo de Torp, who is presumably the son of Richard and the grandson of Serlo, who both witness the present charter. It is possible that the Henry son of Serlo and Richard his brother, associated as grantors with Thomas Despenser in Henry II's reign, may be an earlier generation of this family, see No. 3.

13

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Alice de Beaumont, countess of Buchan (*Bougham*) and constable (*constablatrix*) of Scotland, formerly wife of Henry de Beaumont, for her soul's health and for the souls of her ancestors and her dear lords, Henry de Beaumont her husband and John Comyn her uncle, sometime earl of Buchan, from whom her inheritance descends and for the health of her sons, confirming to Garendon abbey all the wood and its soil with free chace and hunting which pertains to her in the said wood which the abbot and convent have of the gift of Robert sometime earl of Leicester according to the bounds in the charter of the said

earl contained; and all other things and possessions within the village and fields of Shepshed (*Shepesheued*) and of Garendon and within her forest of Charnwood and honor of Winchester, as well near 'le Gotehous' as elsewhere; to hold in free, pure, and perpetual alms without any reservation except prayers, so that neither she nor her heirs shall hunt or take game or claim any profit in the aforesaid places. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Thoma de Beaumont filio nostro domino Thoma de Ferrers domino Willelmo de Herle domino Roberto de Herle filio suo militibus Thoma de Thorp Hugone Charnels Simone Pakeman Roberto de Gaddesby Simone Bertinle . Roberto de Petymor Roberto Bowes Symone Alyn Ricardo Deryng Alano Chamberleyn et aliis.' Beaumanor, Leics. 14 February 1343/4.

No seal or tag shown.

Alice was the eldest daughter and coheir of Alexander Comyn, sheriff of Aberdeen, and heir of line to her uncle John Comyn, earl of Buchan and constable of Scotland (see No. 17 below), and wife of Henry de Beaumont (*CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 59–60, 375). The Scottish estates were forfeited, but this charter shows her in possession of a part of the honor of Leicester which had descended to her uncle through the earls of Winchester. See note to No. 5 above.

14

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Notification by Alice de Beaumont (*Beaumont*), countess of Buchan (*Bougham*), formerly wife of Henry de Beaumont that at a view of frankpledge held in her manor of Loughborough (*Loughteburgh*) on the Friday next before the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, 17 Edward III (17 Oct. 1343), a complaint was mooted as to the ruinous state of the bridges between Cotes (*Cotys*) and Loughborough. Whereupon an inquest was taken by the oaths of the jury of the said frankpledge as to who was liable to maintain the said bridges and whether the abbot of Garendon was liable or not. And it was found by the verdict of the said jury, namely, Richard de Lewes, Thomas de Tyberton, Thomas Mareschal, Thomas de Whitegift, Roger de Aldertre, Thomas de Bagworthe, William son of Ralf, Richard Ouerthebrok, Robert Rouynteyn, John Broun, Richard Rouges, and Roger Pegge that the abbot was not liable to maintain the said bridges nor to contribute thereto except of his free will out of charity and the love of God. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Thoma de Ferrariis Johanne Waleys militibus Thoma de Thorp' Ricardo Deryng . Roberto de Petymor . Henrico Jurdan et aliis.' Loughborough, 17 October 1343.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red. Within a quatrefoil opening a lozenge of arms, three garbs [COMYN, earl of BUCHAN], impaling, semé of fleurs-de-lis a lion, over all a bend [BEAUMONT]; ✠ S' ALICIE DE BEAUMONT COMITISSE DE BOCHAN

15

Agreement between the abbot and convent of Leicester and the abbot and convent of Garendon in regard to common pasture made in the presence of Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester and constable of Scotland. (6 March 1252–3)

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words. Indented.

Anno regni Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis trecesimo septimo facta fuit ista conuencio inter abbatem et conuentum Leycestrie ex una parte . et abbatem et conuentum Gerodon' ex altera coram domino Rogero de Quency comite Wynton' constabulario Scocie tunc presente . ita quod per consilium et prouisionem eiusdem comitis dicti abbas et conuentus Gerodon' concesserunt dictis abbati et conuentui Leyrcestrie communem pasturam inperpetuum habendam in campis suis et pratis de Henele Geredon' et Dixele tempore aperto . scilicet quod postquam dicti abbas et conuentus Geredon'

bladum suum messuerint et pratum suum in dictis campis defalcauerint statim incepto tempore cariationis dictum bladum et pratum continue de die in diem si tempus hoc permittat / cariabunt . ita quod statim post quindenam a tempore quo vicini proximi autumpnauerint uel cicius si dicta bladum et pratum cariauerint / licebit abbati et conuentui Leyrcestrie cum aueriis suis cum libero introitu et exitu sine warda facta dictos campos et prata libere ingredi et quiete depascere tam quam suam pasturam communem. Si uero dicti abbas et conuentus Geredon' in nocumentum et fraudem dicte pasture abbatis et conuentus Leyrcestrie in Henele seminauerint uel bladum et pratum seu stipulam in predictis campis stare permiserint et cariare distulerint licebit abbati et conuentui Leyrcestrie post quindenam sicut predictum est predictos campos et prata cum aueriis suis communiter intrare et libere depascere. Et quod per claustrum circa Henele ingressus et exitus aueriorum abbatis et conuentus Leyrcestrie tempore pascendi non impediatur. Et si contingat quod aueria abbatis et conuentus Leyrcestrie exeant de communi pastura per eschapium in bladum uel in pratum dictorum abbatis et conuentus Geredon' ipsi ea achaciabunt in communem pasturam predictam sine dampno et inparchacione. Item dicti abbas et conuentus Geredon' facient propriis sumptibus pontem competentem ultra ductum molendini et illum cum necesse fuerit competenter reparabunt . ita quod equi et carette cum oneribus suis sine dampno et periculo possint ibidem pertransire. Item abbas et conuentus Geredon' mundari facient cursum ductus descendantem de dicto molendino ita quod per defectum mundacionis ductus pre-nominati in dicto molendino uel terris prope adiacentibus abbas et conuentus Leyrcestrie dampnum non incurrant. Et si forte quod absit pro defectu mundacionis ductus predicti dampnum incurrant subiecerunt se abbas et conuentus Geredon' districtioni comitis Wynton' et heredum suorum seu senescalli uel balliuorum suorum qui pro tempore fuerint ad compellendum eos ad mundacionem ductus predicti infra quindenam a tempore quo dicti abbas et conuentus Leyrcestrie rationabiliter conquesti fuerint faciendum . quod si infra dictum tempus non fecerint inde emendacionem / licebit dictis abbati et conuentui Leyrcestrie facere liberacionem aque predicti ductus in suo solo sicut solebant. Dicti uero abbas et conuentus Leyrcestrie obstupari facient aquam fluentem de badiis molendini de Sepeheued ut aqua versus Geredon' suum plenum cursum habeat sine impedimento eorundem abbatis et conuentus Leyrcestrie et suorum sicut predictum est. Omnia uero dampna que dicti abbas et conuentus Leyrcestrie occasione dicti pontis non facti uel non reparati sustinuerint / memorati abbas et conuentus Geredon' eisdem plene restaurabunt. Si uero dicti abbas et conuentus Geredon' tenorem huius scripti penes se non obseruauerint subiecerunt se coercioni comitis Wynt' et heredum suorum et senescalli et balliuorum suorum qui pro tempore fuerint ut eos possint compellere ad obseruacionem omnium predictorum. Et si dicti comes et heredes sui seu senescalli uel balliui sui dictos abbatem et conuentum Geredon' coercere neglexerint / licebit dictis abbati et conuentui Leyrcestrie ius suum contra eos impetrare prout melius et commodius sibi viderint expedire. Et ut hec omnia supradicta perpetue firmitatis robur optineant . utraque pars scripto ulterius in modum cyrographi confecto . sigillum suum vicissim apposuit. Hiis testi-

bus . dominis Willelmo de Bosco . Johanne de Cramford tunc senescallo . Saero de Sancto Andrea . Johanne Bechard . Petro le Poter militibus . magistro Ricardo persona de Hauthern' . Petro filio Rogeri de Leyrcestria . Radulfo de Bredon' . Waltero de Euinton' . Ricardo de Cley . Matheo venatore . Elya Swayn de Sepeheued' . Simone de Osolueston' . Rogero de Twyford . Henrico de Linc' et aliis. Acta fuerunt ista apud Leyrcestriam die Jouis proxima ante festum sancti Gregorii anno gracie millesimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo secundo.

TWO SEALS on tags, pink: (i) fragment of same as to No. 6; with counterseal, round, c. 1½ in., a standing female figure, crowned, holding a [?] crozier or sceptre; no legend; (ii) fragments of same as to No. 418.

16

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Abstract in *Hist. MSS. Com. Rutland Rep.* iv. 145, from the Belvoir priory cartulary, f. 68. French.

Letters patent of William de Ros of Helmsley (*Ham'*) granting to John de Kendale, prior of Belvoir, and the convent leave to purchase the churches of Uffington and Norton 'les queles sont de nostre auowerye', and to hold them to their own use. Sealing clause. Belvoir: 16 Dec. 1322.

SEAL on narrow strip cut half-way across document: round, c. 1 in.; red; defaced.

Norton is Norton by Twycross, Leics., the advowson of which belonged to Belvoir priory in the 13th century (*Hist. MSS. Com. Rutland Rep.* iv. 143). Charters in the cartulary show the church of Uffington, Lincs., to have been originally given to the priory by Cecily of Belvoir in the 12th century (*ibid.* 144). The priory therefore appears to be recovering what it had formerly possessed.

17

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Charter of John Comyn, earl of Buchan and constable of Scotland, confirming to Garendon abbey all the wood with the soil which they have of the gift and feoffment of Robert sometime earl of Leicester. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Rogero Comyn milite Roberto de Herle Willelmo de Herle fratre eiusdem Willelmo de Wodecote Rogero Godebert et aliis.' (1290-1308.)

No seal or tag shown.

The grantor was son of Alexander Comyn, earl of Buchan, by Isabel (or Elizabeth), daughter and coheir of Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester, by his first wife Helen, daughter and coheir of Alan lord of Gallo-way and constable of Scotland. The limits of date are those of John's tenure of the earldom. See No. 5 above. The William de Herle of this charter was presumably a young man. It seems probable that he is the William de Herle, described as a knight, whose son Robert de Herle, also a knight, witnesses with his father No. 13.

18

Notification by Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester and constable of Scotland, of the respective rights of pasture of his tenants of Shepshed, Leics., and the abbey of Garendon in the fields of Dishley, Leics. (1235-64)

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Rogerus de Quenc' . comes Wynton' constabularius Scoc' salutem in domino. Noueritis me pro salute anime mee et animarum

antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse abbati de Gereuedon' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . quod ego defendam eos contra omnes tenentes meos de Sepeheued quod ipsi tenentes nunquam cum aueriis suis pascere possint campos dictorum monachorum de Gereuedon' Dixe . . .¹ cum warda facta . set in seysona quando campi aperti sunt et vicini cum vicinis communicare debent. Ita tamen quod in dicta seisona bestie dictorum hominum per vires dictorum abbatis et conuentus uel suorum non eiciantur . quin in predictis locis sine warda facta vadant si ibi veniant secundum quod moris est patrie. Et quod predicti monachi stipulas suas colleccioni deputatas sine destruccione aueriorum predictorum tenencium colligere possint usque ad quindenam sancti Michaelis in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium . hanc presentem cartam sigillo meo feci sigillari. Hiis testibus . dominis Philippo Luuell' . Sehero de Sancto Andrea . Willelmo de Bosco . Petro Potar' . Michaelle de Preston' . Gilberto de Colewen . Roberto de Trafford clerico et aliis.

No seal or tag shown.

Roger de Quincy did not assume the title of earl till the death of his mother in 1235-6; he died in 1264. The witness Saher de Sancto Andrea occurs in 1235-6 and 1242-3 (*Fees*, 549 and 921). Possibly this document was made at about the same date as No. 15.

19

Notification by Hugh the Despenser of Loughborough, Leics., that he has granted and quitclaimed to Garendon abbey all his rights of common in his wood within the bounds set out. (1253-63)

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Hugo Dispensarius de Lucteburc salutem. Noueritis me concessisse et pro me et heredibus meis inperpetuum quietum clamasse deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Geroudon' et abbati et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum totam comunam quam habui vel habere potui uel aliquo tempore habere potero in toto bosco suo qui comprehenditur infra has diuisas . scilicet a volatu Ricardi militis de Torp per fossatum usque ad le Brende et de la Brende usque ad le Tweyt sicut dominus comes Wyntonie eis concessit et de le Tweyt usque ad haysam ab occidentali parte caprarie et a predicta haysa inter campum et boscum usque ad dictum volatum predicti Ricardi militis. Tenendam et habendam . libere quiete et pacifice sine mei vel heredum meorum disturbance sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum ad claudendum muro haya uel fossato vel qualitercumque uoluerint et ad maius comodum suum apropyandum. Ita quod neque ego neque heredes mei in dicto bosco aliquod ius uel clamium vel comunam pascendi uel comunicandi aliquo tempore aliquo modo possimus vindicare. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus . domino Ricardo milite

¹ A blank space of about 1 inch is left here in the transcript.

de Torp . Stephano de Cishston' tunc senescallo meo . Serlone filio Ricardi filii Serlonis de Torp . Roberto de Dixl' . Ricardo Pendorayl de Lucteburc et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; green. Shield of arms, quarterly, second and third quarters fretty, surmounted by a baston [DESPENCER]; ✠ SIGILLVM: SECRETI

This document appears to be slightly later than the other deeds of this period relating to the common rights of Garendon Abbey, see Nos. 7 and 12 above. The grantor succeeded Hugh Bigod as justiciar in 1260, but was displaced in favour of his father-in-law Philip Basset in 1261 until July 1263, when he was again in office. He was killed at Evesham in 1265. Since he is not called justiciar it may be presumed that he was not in office when it was issued.

20

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Charter of Maud de Holand, formerly wife of Robert de Holand, confirming to Garendon abbey in free, pure, and perpetual alms all the wood with its soil which they have of the gift and feoffment of Robert sometime earl of Leicester. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Henrico de Ferariis . domino Thoma fratre eius domino Rogero la Zouche militibus . Roberto de Cateby . Ricardo Deryng et aliis.' Bagworth, Leics.: 26 Dec. 1337.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, semé of fleurs-de-lis, a lion rampant [HOLAND]; eleven roundels round the shield.

The grantor was daughter and coheir of Alan la Zouche, the grandson of an earlier Alan la Zouche and his wife Helen, daughter and coheir of Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester. For her husband, who was summoned to Parliament in 1314, see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 528.

EX CARTIS HENRICI COMITIS HUNTINGDON' ANNO I640

21

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

ORIGINAL now in Huntington Library. Abstract in *Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i. 308. English. Not indented BS.

An indenture made 17 Feb. 1519 between Edward duke of Buckingham, earl of Hereford, Stafford, and Northampton, of the one part and Margaret countess of Salisbury of the other. Pursuant to the covenants contained in an indenture made between the said parties on 20 Oct. 1518 upon the marriage solemnized between Henry lord Stafford, heir apparent of the duke, and the lady Ursula Pole (*Poole*), daughter of the countess, Thomas (Wolsey) lord cardinal archbishop of York, Thomas (Ruthall) bishop of Durham, Henry earl of Wiltshire, George Neville, knight, lord of Abergavenny (*Burgavenny*), Robert Ratclyff, knight, lord FitzWalter, Thomas Lovell, knight, treasurer of the king's household, Reginald Pole (*Reynold Poole*), clerk, Andrew Wyndesoure, knight, Edward Belknap, knight, Thomas Wodehouse, knight, Ralf Vernay the younger, knight, Charles Knevett esq., Anthony Fitzherbert, the king's serjeant at law, Richard Broke, serjeant at law, Thomas Englefield esq., Thomas Denton esq., Gerard Danett esq., Robert Gilbert, clerk, John Rooper, and Richard Lyster by sundry writs of right commonly called *precipe in capite* in the Michaelmas term last past have recovered against the countess the manors of Somerton, Chedzoy, Donyate, Yarlinton, and Shipton, Som., with their appurtenances, and 200 messuages, 300 cottages, 2,000 acres of land, 1,000 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture, 500 acres of wood, and £50 of rent in the above-named places; and also the manors of Stokenham, Yalmeton, Pyworthy, Wonford, and Clyst St. Mary Dev., with their appurtenances, and 200 messuages, 300 cottages, 2,000 acres of land, 1,000 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture, 500 acres of wood, and £50 of rent in the above-named places: now the

countess covenants and grants for herself, her heirs, and executors with the duke and his executors that the said manors, lands, and tenements be of the clear yearly value of 700 marks over and above all charges and expenses; and further that the recoverers shall stand seised of the said premises for the use and assurance of all sums of money &c., to be paid or borne by the countess or her executors according to the tenor of the said indenture of 20 Oct. 1518. Further the countess covenants for herself, her heirs, and executors to the duke and his executors that if before the levying of the said sums of money the recoverers shall be evicted from the possession of the said lands they, the recoverers, shall stand seised of the manors of Christchurch, Ringwood, Swanston, and Brygeston, Hants, with their appurtenances and 200 messuages, 300 cottages, 2,000 acres of land, 1,000 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture, 500 acres of wood, and £50 of rent in the above-named places to the aforesaid use to the value of such lands from which they have been evicted. Sealing clause. 17 Feb. 1579.

The signature 'Margrat Salysbery' on the original document is not reproduced in BS.

SEAL on tag: round, 3½ in.; red; broken at one side. Shield of arms surrounded by the Garter, quarterly: (1) FRANCE (modern) and ENGLAND within a bordure [THOMAS OF WOODSTOCK]; (2) a bend cotised between six lioncels [BOHUN OF HEREFORD]; (3) on a bend cotised between six lioncels three mullets [BOHUN OF NORTHAMPTON]; (4) a chevron [STAFFORD]. Crest on a helmet with mantling, a swan's head, neck, and wings elevated issuing from a coronet. Supporters, two antelopes. . . . EDWARDI . DVC : BVRIGHAM . COÏTIS . HERFORDIE . STAFFORD O

Margaret countess of Salisbury, the last of the house of Anjou, was daughter of George duke of Clarence; she married Sir Richard Pole and was attainted and executed 27 May 1541; her elder son Henry Pole lord Montagu was attainted and executed 9 Jan. 1539; her younger son was (Cardinal) Reginald Pole, archbishop of Canterbury. Edward Stafford, duke of Buckingham, was attainted and executed 17 May 1521.

22

Letters patent of Elizabeth Queen of England and France and Lady of Ireland appointing her father Richard Woodville earl Rivers and William lord Zouche and St. Maur to be overseers of all her possessions in Rockingham, Brigstock, and King's Cliffe, Northants. 26 May 1466

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Elizabeth dei gratia regina Anglie Francie et domina Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis nos de gratia nostra speciali ordinasse et constituisse predilectissimum patrem nostrum Ricardum Wydeuill' comitem Ryuers et Willelmum dominum le Zouch' et Seynt maure capitales superuisores nostros omnium possessionum proficuorum verte et fermarum *annualium* veert and veneson' nobis in balliua de Rokyngham Brigestok et Clyff infra forestam nostram de Rokyngham predictam in comitatu Northamtonie pertinentium siue aliquo modo spectantium. Habendum et occupandum officium per se uel per sufficientem deputatum uel deputatos suos quamdiu nobis placuerit simul cum omnimodis proficuis commoditatibus et emolumentis dicto officio ab antiquo debitis et consuetis. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Datum sub magno sigillo nostro apud castrum de Wyndesore vicesimo sexto die Maii anno regni metuendissimi domini mei regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie sexto.

SEAL¹ on strip 2 in. wide: round, $3\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms surmounted by crown showing three crosses paly and two fleurs-de-lis; per pale; dexter, quarterly, FRANCE (modern) and ENGLAND; sinister, quarterly of six; (1) a lion rampant [LUXEMBURG]; (2) quarterly, i and iv, a star; ii and iii, semé of fleurs-de-lis [BAUX]; (3) barry of ten a lion rampant [LUSIGNAN]; (4) three bendlets, a chief per fess in the upper part a rose [URSINS]; (5) three pallets vair on a chief a label of five points [ST. POL]; (6) a fess and a canton [WYDVILLE]. Supporters, dexter a lion, sinister a greyhound collared and chained. ✠ *Sigillum :: elizabeth :: dei : gracia : regine : anglie : et francie : et domine : hibernie : a lion passant between the fifth and sixth words.*

23

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Letters of Anne duchess of Buckingham appointing William Hastings (*Hastynge*s), knight, lord Hastings, to be steward of her manor of Oakham, Rutland. To hold by himself or his sufficient deputy during her life if he shall live so long, receiving the accustomed profits of the office in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter. Sealing clause. 12 July 1461.

SEAL on strip 1 in. wide cut half-way across document: round, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, per pale; dexter, quarterly, FRANCE (modern) and ENGLAND within a bordure; sinister, a saltire (NEVILLE). Crest, rising from behind the shield, a swan's head neck and wings elevated, gorged with a coronet. Supporters, two [?]wolves. *sigillum domine anne ducisse hokinghamie.*

The grantor was daughter of Ralf Neville, first earl of Westmorland, and widow of Humphrey Stafford, duke of Buckingham (CP, 2nd ed. ii. 389). For the grantee see *ibid.* vi. 370.

24

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Letters patent of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, granting to Drew (*Drugo*) Bardolf, the elder, licence to give to Christchurch priory, Hants (*Christi ecclesie de Twynham*), 3 messuages, 1 carucate, and 40 acres of land and 30 acres of wood in 'Pudele Bardolf' and Piddletown, Dors. (*Pudeleton*'), which are held of the earl as of his castle of Christchurch, except certain tenements held of another fee of his ancient inheritance. The prior and convent are to keep the yearly obits of William, the earl's father, and of Katherine, his mother, and the prior and his successors shall give to the convent on each obit a pittance of 6s. 8d. sterling. Sealing clause. Given at 'our castle of Chrischurch' 6 Jan. 1355.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Equestrian, armour and surcoat, sword, on a helmet crest, out of a coronet a griffin's head between two wings elevated, shield bearing a fess of three fusils [MONTAGU], trappings of horse with same arms; *Sigillum [Willelmi : de : Mōteacuto : cōit]is : Sarū dñi de dēb[i : ε : mānie]*

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms within a star-shaped opening, a fess of three fusils; ☆ *S. will'i . d' monteacuto . comitis . Sar' dñi [de . . ε : de . dēbēgh]* Cf. BM 6231, 11857-8.

Pudele Bardolf is lost, now a part of Athelhampton Farm in Piddletown (Hutchins, *Hist. of Dorset*, ii. 201).

EX CARTIS THOME SHIRLEY DE BOTULF-BRIDGE IN COMITATU HUNT' MILITIS

25

BS FACSIMILE, first 16 words.

PRINTED in part and inaccurately Nichols, iv, pt. i. 158. French.

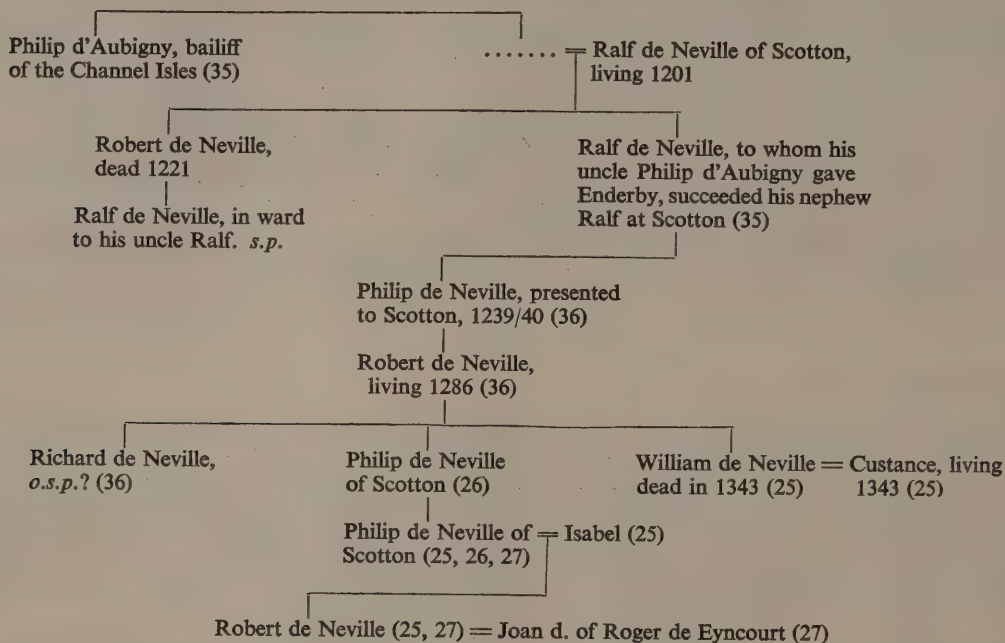
Notification by Isabel, wife of Philip de Neville of Scotton, knight, that whereas her husband has granted to their son Robert for his life a rent of £10 from the manor of Enderby, Leics., in which manor she has

¹ Cf. BM 807; and Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 374 (plate), 407.

joint estate with her husband, she grants to Robert that if she survive her husband he shall peaceably enjoy the rent all the life of Custaunce formerly wife of William de Neville, knight, uncle of the grantor's husband. Manton, Lincs. (*Malmeton*): 23 Sept. 1343.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Within a traceried trefoil opening three shields of arms meeting in a point: (i) three water bougets [ROS]; (ii) a chevron between three birds; (iii) a fess of five fusils [NEVILLE OF SCOTTON]; ★ SIGILLVM . ISABELLE . DE . NEVILLE

This, together with Nos. 26, 27, 35, and 36, deals with the possession of Enderby by the Nevilles of Scotton. The sequence of the documents is shown by the following pedigree compiled from Mr. Mellows's edition of *Henry of Pytchley's Book of Fees*, NRS, ii. 106 n., and the *CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 477-8, supplemented by these documents themselves. The numbers in brackets show the charters in which the person in question occurs.



Light is thrown on the present transaction by BM Add. Chart. 19841, whereby in 1337 Philip son of Philip de Neville became bound to pay to Custance widow of William de Neville an annuity of £30 during her life. The grant of this rent by Philip de Neville, which is of the same date, is No. 27.

26

BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

PRINTED in abbreviated form Nichols, iv, pt. i. 157.

Notification by Philip de Neville, knight, son and heir of Robert de Neville, knight, lord of Scotton, that as he has enfeoffed his son Philip de Neville of the manor Enderby, Leics. (*Endredebi*) in fee simple as more fully appears from his charter, he has given to the said Philip all his goods and chattels on the manor at the time of the feoffment. Sealing clause. Enderby: 19 Apr. 1316.

Tag only for seal.

See note to No. 25.

27

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

PRINTED in small part only, Nichols, iv, pt. i. 158.

Charter of Philip de Neville, knight, of Scotton giving to his son Robert de Neville and to Joan, his wife, daughter of Roger de Eyncourt, knight, a rent of £10 payable half at the feast of St. Martin (11 Nov.) and half at Pentecost, charged on the manor of Enderby, Leics., into whosoever's hands it may come, with power to distrain therefor. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Warino de Bassyngbourn' . domino Rogero de Eyncourt militibus domino Oliuero de Neuille rectore ecclesie de Refham domino Gilberto de Normanbi rectore ecclesie de Malmeton' Johanne Chartereys Henrico de Northwall et aliis.' Manton, Lincs., 22 Sept. 1343.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; light brown. Shield of arms within a traceried opening, a fess of four fusils, a bordure engrailed; [☆ S' PHILIP]PI . DE . N[EV]ILLE
Cf. BM 12131

See note to No. 25.

ADHUC EX CARTIS EIUSDEM HENRICI COMITIS HUNTINGDON

28

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

ORIGINAL now in the Henry E. Huntington Library.

Abstract in *Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i. 302.

Letters of George, duke of Clarence, earl of Warwick and Salisbury, lord of Richmond, great chamberlain of England, addressed generally and notifying that he has appointed his kinsman William Hastings, knight, lord Hastings, the king's chamberlain, to be his chief steward of his honor of Tutbury in the counties of Derby, Stafford, and Leicester and master of the game of all the forests, &c., pertaining to the honor in the said counties; to hold for life receiving from the revenues of the honor by the hands of the receiver the yearly sum of £20 payable in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter. Sealing clause. London: 20 Mar. 1472.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, c. 3 in.; red; much broken. A couched shield of arms, quarterly, FRANCE (modern) and ENGLAND, a label of three points for difference. Crest (missing) on a helmet with mantling. Supporters, dexter missing, sinister a bull.

For an account of the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. iii. 260; for the grantee *ibid.* vi. 370.

29

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

ORIGINAL now in Henry E. Huntington Library.

Abstract in *Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i. 24 (135).

Charter of Robert le Venur of Kirby Muxloe, Leics. (*venator de Karebia*), giving to his son John and his heirs half a virgate of land in Hathern, Leics. (*Hawethurn*), which Richard son of Roald held of him; to hold by the service of rendering yearly at Christmas one arrow shaft (*burun*), also half a virgate of land in Kirby Muxloe, Leics., which the donor held of Ives le Levere (*de Hyuone Lepore*) and which was of his mother's free marriage; rendering yearly at Christmas one silver penny. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Rogerus itaque filius meus cuius assensu hanc feci donacionem huic presenti scripto sigillum suum

¹ Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 372 (plate), 436, from this charter.

apposuit. Hiis testibus : Thoma capellano de Roteby . Roberto Pakeman . Maelo de Kerebi . Simone clerico . Warino Lepore . Hugone clerico de Roteby . Ricardo fratre eius Gileberto Jardin' Gileberto Pakeman et multis aliis. (Mid-13th century.)

TWO SEALS on tags: (i) round, c. 2 in.; green. A hunting-horn. [S]IGILL' ROGERI FILII . ROB' VENATORIS DE

(ii) round, c. 1½ in.; green. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, long surcoat; shield; SIGILL' ROB FIL' ROG . VENATORIS

The inscription on the seal shows the donor to have been son of a Roger le Venur. In the Hastings collection are many Kirby Muxloe deeds in which the Le Venur family figure (*Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i). By one dated 20 Apr. 1253 Robert le Venur son of Roger grants to John le Venur for 2 marks of silver half a virgate (loc. cit. 12, No. 56). The grantor of that charter was probably the son of a Roger le Venur who held half a knight's fee in Kirby Muxloe of the honor of Peverel in 1235-6 (*Fees*, 520) and also identical with the Robert of the present charter. He occurs again as Robert le Venur, who, with his son Roger, was holding land in Hathern of Matthew le Venur in 1255 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 339). In 1259 there is an inquisition on the death of a Robert le Venur who held land in chief in Kirby Muxloe and Hathern (*ibid.*, No. 438), but as his heirs were two daughters aged 5 and 3 he was probably the son of Matthew. The date of this charter would seem to be about the middle of the 13th century.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Charter of Robert son of Roger le Venur of Kirby Muxloe (*Kereby*) giving to his son John and his heirs a toft in the village of Kirby Muxloe which lies between the toft of William son of Geoffrey and the toft of Thomas son of William Coppele; rendering therefor a silver penny at Christmas. Warrant and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . Petro de Sancto Edwardo de Roteby . Warino de Leuere de Kereby . Matheo filio Roberti filii Nicolai . Symone Pakeman . Gileberto Pakeman . Matheo filio Aliue . Willelmo filio Mathei . Thoma fratre suo . Symone clerico et pluribus aliis.' (Mid-13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1½ in.; green. A knight in armour standing to sinister, pointed helmet, sword brandished in right hand, and a spear in left; ✠ SIGILLVM ROBERTI FILII ROGERI

See the note to No. 29.

31

Charter of Walter Rumseye giving to Walter de Hungerford his rights as patron of Maiden Bradley priory, Wilts. (1 May 1422)

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

ORIGINAL now in Henry E. Huntington Library.

Calendered in *Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i. 226 (1050).

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes litere peruenerint . Walterus Rumseye salutem in domino. Cum ego predictus Walterus iure meo hereditario verus ac integer sim patronus ac fundator monasterii siue prioratus de Maydene Bradele in comitatu Wiltes' quacumque fundacione fundetur. Sciatis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Waltero de Hungerford militi totum et integrum ius statum et clameum meum que habeo habui seu quouis modo habere potero de et in fundacione siue patronatu monasterii siue prioratus de Maydene Bradele in comitatu Wiltes'

predicto quacumque ut predicatur fundacione fundetur una cum omnibus iuribus libertatibus et emolumentis quibuscumque que michi quouis modo ratione fundacionis ac patronatus predictae debere pertinent seu defendere¹ poterint Habendam et tenendam predictam fundacionem siue patronatum cum omnibus suis iuribus et pertinentiis uniuersis adeo libere et integre sicut ego predictus Walterus Rumseye vel aliquis antecessorum meorum habuimus habemus seu quouis modo de iure habere debuerimus vel habere potuerimus eidem Waltero de Hungerford heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. Et ego uero predictus Walterus Rumseye et heredes mei predictam fundacionem et patronatum monasterii siue prioratus predicti predicto Waltero de Hungerford heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigilla metuendissimorum dominorum meorum . comitis March' comitis Deuon' et comitis Sar' in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum premissorum presentibus apponi procuravi. Testibus predictis metuendissimis dominis meis ac Willelmo domino de Botreaux Humfrido Stafford Johanne Berkle Reginaldo West militibus Edmundo Cheyne Willelmo Westbury Johanne Stourton' Willelmo Daungens et aliis. Datum primo die mensis Maii anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum decimo.

Four SEALS on tags: (i) round, c. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red.² A couched shield of arms, MORTIMER, quartering across ULSTER. Crest, on a helmet with coronet, a plume of feathers. Supporters, two lions. *S'* : *edmundi . de mortuo mari . cōitis marchie ⁊ ultonie . dñi Wigmor ⁊ clare*

(ii) Round, 2 in.; red. A couched shield of arms, three roundels and a label [COURTENAY]. Crest, on a helmet with coronet, a plume of feathers. Supporters, two swans. *Sigillum hugonis courtney comitis deuonie* Cf. BM 9017

(iii) Round, c. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. Within a quatrefoil a couched shield of arms MONTAGU, quartering MONTHERMER. Crest, on a helmet with mantling, a griffin sejant. Between two trees on each of which is hung a lozenge of arms, a fret and a bordure. *sarū ⁊ dñi . . .*

(iv) Round, $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Apparently an impression from a ring, a peacock.

32

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Notification by John lord Lovel that he has appointed his kinsman William, lord Hastings, the king's chamberlain, to be the steward of his manors of Bagworth and Thornton, Leics., and master of the game of the said manor of Bagworth; to hold for his life receiving from the receivers, bailiffs, and farmers thereof for the time being the yearly sum of £10 in two equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas. If any payment fall a quarter in arrear William shall have power to distrain. Sealing clause. London: 14 Nov. 1461.

No seal or tag shown.

For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. viii. 223, and for the grantee *ibid.* vi. 370. This document does not figure in the *Hist. MSS. Com. Report* on the Hastings MSS. and presumably had disappeared before that report was drawn up in 1915. There is, however, a conveyance dated 5 May 1463 of the two manors in question by Lovel to Hastings (*ibid.* i. 296, No. 940).

¹ *Sic for descendere.*

² Described by Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 227, from this charter.

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BS FACSIMILE.

ORIGINAL in Henry E. Huntington Library.

Calendered, *Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i. 301.

Letters patent of Charles the Bold, duke of Burgundy, &c., granting an annuity of 1,000 crowns to Sir William Hastings, Lord Hastings, chamberlain of the king of England, in recognition of his services to the said king. Peronne: 4 May 1471.

SEAL and COUNTER-SEAL of Charles duke of Burgundy on tag:¹ round, $4\frac{1}{2}$ and c. $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red; seal chipped round part of the edge.

For Sir William Hastings, Lord Hastings, see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 370 et seq. In 1640 the charter was in proper custody.

34

Charter of William de Ferrers, earl of Derby, granting to Calke priory, Derbs., the church of East Leake, Notts. (1162-90)

BS FACSIMILE.

ORIGINAL now in Huntington Library.

Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep. i. 120.

Willelmus comes de Ferr' . omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . presentibus et futuris . salutem. Sciant omnes me dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse . deo et sancto Egidio de Kalc et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus . ecclesiam de Leche . et quicquid ecclesie pertinet in liberam . et in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . pro anima mea et uxoris mee et liberorum meorum . et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum et amicorum meorum liberam et quietam in omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis que predictae uille de Leche pertinent . pro dei amore et fraternitate predictorum canonicorum. His testibus . Sibilla comitissa de Ferr' . Rodberto de Ferr' fratre comitis . Radulfo de Boscheruil' Rogero Pantulf Willelmo de Stant' clerico comitis . Henrico de Stant' . Hugone de Tichenhale.

Endorsed: N. confirmatio Willelmi senioris comitis de Ferrariis de ecclesia de Leke. (*Hist. MSS. Com.*, loc. cit.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIGILLU
..... ES

Calke was a cell of Repton priory. In 1235-6 and 1242-3 East Leake was held of the honor of Ferrers (*Fees*, 533); at the Dissolution Repton priory possessed a pension on the rectory (*Mon.* vi. 431). The only certain limits of date for this charter are 1162, when the grantor obtained possession of his lands, and 1190, the year of his death. The mention of his children and the attestation of Roger Pantulf, a younger son of William Pantulf who held one fee of the earl in 1166 (*RB* 337), suggest that it was not very early in this period. Though in form a gift, this is in reality a confirmation, the church having been given to the priory by Harold of Leake, whose charter is printed in *Hist. MSS. Com. Hastings Rep.* i. 119.

¹ Cf. BM 19357, where it is fully described from a fine impression attached to an original.

EX CARTIS THOME SHIRLEY DE BOTULF-BRIDGE IN
COMITATU HUNT' MILITIS

35

Charter of Philip d'Aubigny giving to Ralf de Neville, his nephew, his manor of Enderby, Leics. (Early Henry III, before 1236)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 83 A 19.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Philippus de Albiniaco dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Radulfo de Neuilla nepoti meo totum manerium meum de Endredeby cum bruillio et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in plano . in bosco . in uiis . in semitis in pasturis . in pannagio . in herbagio . in pascione . in molendinis . in aquis . in pratis pro homagio et seruicio suo habendum . et tenendum sibi et hereditibus suis . de me et heredibus meis . libere . integre . honorifice . hereditarie . per seruicium quarte partis feodi unius militis pro omni seruicio . consuetudine et exactione. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus dicto Radulfo et heredibus suis dictum manerium cum omnibus dictis pertinenciis per predictum seruicium inperpetuum contra omnes gentes. Et in huius rei testimonium huic carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus . Rogero de Quenci . Ricardo de Gray . Rogero la Zuche . Bertran de Garclip . Willelmo de Percy . Oliuero de Sancto Georgio . Willelmo de Cnapwell¹ . Eueraddo¹ de Trumpintona . Willelmo de Waltham et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Endrediby.

SEAL on cord: round, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; four fusils in fess, not on a shield, below a cross above and a cinquefoil below;
✠ SIGILLUM : PHILIPPI . DE . ALBINIACO

BM 6794

The grantor is Philip d'Aubigny, bailiff of the Channel Islands in the reign of Henry III. A charter of his for Le Mont-St-Michel has a seal identical with that of the present charter, and among the witnesses to that charter are 'P. de Garclip. B. fratre suo' (*Cartulaire des Isles Normandes*, Soc. Jersiaise, pl. vii and p. 25). For an account of the family see *CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 93 et seq. In the 13th century d'Aubignys occur in the dioceses of Dol and Rennes in Brittany, bearing the same arms (Morice, *Hist. de Bretagne*, 'Preuves', i, cols. 776, 784; pl. vii, figs. 64, 65), and there seems to be no doubt that they came from Aubigné, dép. Ille-et-Vilaine. Round has shown this to have been the original home of Aubigny 'Brito' of Belvoir (*Hist. MSS. Com. Rutland Rep.* iv. 107). We have here another branch of the family establishing itself in England at a later date. Philip had two brothers, Oliver and Marchisius (Round, *CDF*, No. 408). The manor of Enderby was given to Oliver by Parnell countess of Leicester, a gift confirmed by King John, 16 Dec. 1204 (*Rot. Chart.* i. 140); Oliver gave land in Enderby to Croxton abbey, which was confirmed by his brother Philip (Nichols, iv, pt. i. 157). Oliver must have died without issue and been succeeded by Philip. Philip died in the Holy Land in 1235 (M. Paris, *Chron. Mai.*, RS, iii. 373). Oliver de St. George occurs on the rolls between 1230 and 1235. He accompanied Philip to the Holy Land, as did Bertram de Garclip (*Pat. Rolls*, 1232-47, 101). Roger de Quincy took the title of earl of Winchester on his mother's death in 1235-6.

¹ *Sic.*

36

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 83 A 20.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED in part Nichols, iv, pt. i. 157.

Letters patent of Robert de Neville (*Neyville*), son and heir of Philip de Neville, notifying that since he has enfeoffed his son Richard of his manor of Enderby, Leics. (*Endirdeby*), he grants that Richard have all his corn, hay, oxen, cows, ploughs, and all animals and *utensilia*, and all goods movable and immovable, which he has on the manor. London: 7 Nov. 1286.

Endorsed: Endredeby.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ in.; yellow. Within a sexfoil opening a shield of arms, a fess of four fusils within a bordure charged with roundels; a lion rampant on either side of the shield; ✠ SIGILLUM : ROBERTI DE NEVILLE
BM 12148

See note to No. 25.

EX CARTIS THOME DOMINI FAUCONBERGE

37

Charter of William Vavasor giving to William son of Robert all the village of Belasis and ten acres of assart towards Bolton-in-Bolland, and common of pasture in Bolton. (Late Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Sallay Chartulary*, Yorks. Arch. Soc. Rec. Ser. i. 80, from the cartulary, Harl. MS. 112, f. 33, with first five witnesses only.

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri . quod ego Willelmus Vauasor . dedi . et concessi . et presenti carta mea confirmaui . Willelmo filio Roberti . et heredibus suis totam uillam de Belasis . cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis . per istas diuisas . scilicet a capite fossati . sicut Dedesic descendit in Pakedenebroc et sicut Pakedenebroc descendit in Ribbel . de subtus . iterum . a capite eiusdem fossati . sicut mariscum uadit . usque ad Morthweit . et a Morthweit sicut quedam semita descendit usque in Holedene . et sicut Holedene descendit in Ribbel. Preterea dedi ei in accrementum x acras propinquiores terre sue uersus Boeltonam scilicet totum nouum sartum . et circa nouum sartum usque dum perficiantur x acre . tenendum de me . et heredibus meis . sibi et heredibus suis . in feodo . et hereditate . libere . et quiete . et honorifice . et integre . et plenarie . cum omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis suis . in bosco . in plano . in aquis . in uiis . in semitis . et in omnibus aliis rebus . que pertinent ad predictam uillam . intra predictas diuisas . et communem pasturam de uilla de Boelton . extra defensas meas . et haias meas. Reddendo annuatim inde mihi . uel heredibus meis . tres solidos . pro omni seruicio . quod mihi . uel heredibus meis inde pertinet . et pro omni re ad terram pertinentē . scilicet xvij denarios ad festum apostolorum . Petri . et Pauli . et xvij denarios . ad festum beati Martini. Hiis testibus . Ricardo Vauasor . Malgero Vauasor . Alano de Yadun . Thoma de Otil¹ . Hugone Vauasor .

¹ Cartulary reads *Thoma de Hoterburn*.

R. rex Anglor. Archiepis. Epis. Abbib;. Comitib;. Justiciariis. Baronib;. Vicec. & Umib; fidelib; suis. p Angliam Constitutis. salutē. Sciatis uniuersi qm dedi & concessi Alberico de ver. & heredibus suis post eum de me & de heredibus meis tenendā Magistram Cameariam meam totius Anglie. in feodo & hereditate. Quare uolo & firmiter precipio. qd ipse & heres eius eam iure hereditario teneant. cum omib; dignitatib; & libertatib; & honorificentis ad eam pertinentib;. ita bñ & libere & honorifice. sic Robertus malet ut aliquis alius ante eum uel post eum. unqm melius & liberius & honorificentius tenuit. cum liberationib; & hospiciis Curie mee. que ad Ministerium Camearie pertinent. t. Rogo Epō Sar. & Gaufr. Canic Epō Dunelm. & Higello Epō Eliensi. & Robto de Sig. & Robto Com Gloec. & B. fit Com & Robto de ver. Conastabl. & Wisse de Rulh. & Hug big. & W. de Albim brite. & Ricardo basset. & Wille de Pont. Ap Fernicham. in transfrictione lx.

La Chartre de la
Chambeylergerie

Carta boni p[ri]ncipis
p[ro] qm officiu[m] Cam[er]arie p[ro]p[ri]e

Ed. Rex Angl. 7 Dux Hoya 7 Agt 7 Com Lud. Lichey. Ep. Alb. Com.
Bar. Justic. Vic. Mystry. 7 Omib; fidelib; suis Toti Anglie franc 7 Angl
sit. Seidtis me dedisse 7 concessisse Comiti Albico in feodo 7 hereditate.
Tereu denariu de placitis Comitatus de Oxenfordescy ut sit in Comes. Qr
volo 7 firmo pcpno qd Ipse 7 heredes sui habeant in Comitatu suu
ita libe 7 gere 7 honorifice sic aliq Comitatu Anglie libi 7 geri. 7
honorificent' hē. ē. f. Can. Hug. Com de Hoffsote. Rogo Com de Clap
Com patricio. Ric fil Gyt. Henr de Essex Const. Ric de Hui Constab
Ric de Luci. Walco fil Robti. W. Biset Dap. War fil Ger Cam. Ric de
Canulla. Willelmo de Lamiat. Hamone peccato. Ap Wouy in tnsitu Regis.

Rogero Bardulf' . Henrico de Hoilande . Adam filio Radulfi . Willelmo filio Thome . Jordano de Lande . Eneas filio Hugonis . Philippo filio Roberti . Willelmo marescallo de Miclefeld . Adam filio Ante Willelmo clerico . Willelmo Scotto;

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; purple impressed in yellow. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield; **SIGILLVM [WILL]ELMI VAVASORIS**

In *Pudsey Deeds*, Yorks. Arch. Soc. Rec. Ser. 72, Col. Littledale identifies Belasis with Malasis, a district between Bolton-in-Bolland and Sallay. Charters in the Sallay cartulary leave no doubt that Belasis was in the immediate vicinity. It is perhaps significant that Belasyse was the family name of Lord Fauconberge, the 17th-century owner of this charter.

EX CARTIS HAMONIS LE STRANGE MILITIS

38

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 890 from the Patent Roll.

Charter of Robert son of William de Stuteville of Gressenhall confirming in free, pure, and perpetual alms to Wendling abbey for the health of his soul, and the souls of Joan his wife and of his father and mother, and for the soul of Roger bishop of Norwich, the site of the new work of the church of St. Mary and of the abbey of Wendling with the buildings there erected or to be erected and all the lands which the abbey holds of the grantor and of his villagers (*de me et villanis meis*) in the villages of Wendling, Scarning, Gressenhall, Little Fransham, and Great Fransham (Norf.) saving to the grantor, his heirs, and assigns the patronage of the abbey and his warren and the common rights of him and his men. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'His testibus . dominis Osberto de Caly . Ricardo de Belhus . Roberto de Hulmo . Sayero de Friuilla . Hamone de Patesle . Roberto de Catstun' . et Roberto de Saham militibus . Willelmo de Fransham . Johanne de Dunham . Rogero de Harsic . Thoma Burc . Galfrido de Bitering' . Ricardo de Bauent . Alexandro de Skerning' . et Alexandro de Gressenhal' et aliis.' Wendling: 10 July 1273.

No seal or tag shown.

For the grantor see *HKF* iii. 398. It has sometimes been assumed that a gift *pro salute anime* implies that the person named was alive and a gift *pro anima* that he was dead. This cannot be regarded as a rule which holds good in all cases, and the present charter illustrates the point; see also *Facsimiles of Early Charters*, NRS iv. 67. The first formula is applied both to the grantor and to his father, who died in 1259, whereas the second is applied to the bishop of Norwich who was still alive. It is perhaps significant that the bishop, Roger Skerning, bore the name of one of the villages with which the charter deals.

EX CARTIS ROBERTI BERTIE COMITIS LINDSEY SUMMI CAMERARII ANGLIE

39

Charter of Henry I granting to Aubrey de Vere the master chamberlainship of all England to hold in fee and inheritance as fully, freely, and honourably as Robert Malet held it. Fareham. (July 1133)

BS FACSIMILE.

PLATE I

PRINTED: Madox, *Baronia Anglica*, 158, and *Hist. of Exchequer* (ed. 1711), 56 n. Cited, Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 190, 'ex autogr. penes Rob. Comitem de Lindsey ann. 1640'. Mentioned: Farrer, *Itin.*, No. 698.

.H. rex Anglorum . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . justiciariis . baronibus . vicecomitibus . et omnibus fidelibus suis . per Angliam constitutis . salutem. Sciatis uniuersi quoniam dedi & concessi Alberico de Ver . et heredibus suis post eum de me et de heredibus meis tenendam magistram camerariam meam totius Anglie . in feodo et hereditate. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio . quod ipse et heres eius eam iure hereditario teneant . cum omnibus dignitatibus et libertatibus . et honorificentis ad eam pertinentibus . ita bene et libere et honorifice . sicut Robertus Malet uel aliquis alius ante eum uel post eum . umquam melius et liberius et honorificentius tenuit . cum liberationibus et hospiciis curie mee . que ad ministerium camerarie pertinent. Testibus Rogero episcopo Sar' . et Gaufrido cancellario episcopo Dunelm' . et Nigello episcopo Eliensi . et Roberto de Sigillo . et Roberto comite Gloec' . et B. filio comitis et Roberto de Ver conastabulario . et Vnfrido de Buhun . et Hugone Bigot . et Willelmo de Albiniaco Britone . et Ricardo Basset . et Willelmo de Pontearcharum . Apud Ferneham . In transfretatione regis.

*Endorsed:*¹ Carta Henrici patris Matill' Imperatricis per quam officium camararii prius inceptit. (14th century.)

La chartre de la chamberlengerie. (14th century.)

Strip for seal torn off.

This important charter is the root of title to the Master Chamberlainship or, as it is now called, the office of Lord Great Chamberlain. The history of the office has been exhaustively treated by Mr. G. H. White in *CP*, 2nd ed. x, Appendix F, 47-90, this charter being discussed at pp. 54-6: he has rendered further comment superfluous. The date can be fixed within narrow limits. A charter of the king dated at Winchester, 1133, has a long list of witnesses including Aubrey de Vere, of whom no less than seven witness the present charter (Farrer, *Itin.*, No. 697). Two charters are dated at Westbourne in *transfretatione*, one being dated 1133 (*ibid.*, Nos. 704, 707); Fareham lies between Winchester and Westbourne. The actual crossing to Normandy took place on 2 or 3 Aug. (*ibid.*, No. 714). Thereafter a charter dated at Rouen 1133 is attested by five of the witnesses to this charter (*ibid.*, No. 715).

40

Charter of Henry II granting to Earl Aubrey de Vere in fee and inheritance the third penny of the pleas of the county of Oxfordshire that he may be earl thereof. Dover 'in transitu regis'. (2-10 Jan. 1156)

BS FACSIMILE."

PLATE II

PRINTED: Selden, *Titles of Honor*, 539; *Collected Works*, 1736, iii, pt. i, col. 684; from the original then, before 1614, in the possession of the earl of Oxford.

H. rex Angl' et dux Norm' et Aquit' et comes And' . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . justic' . vicecomitibus . ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie Francis et Angl' salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse comiti Alberico in feodo et hereditate . tercium denarium de placitis comitatus de Oxenefordscyr' ut sit inde comes. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse et heredes

¹ These endorsements are reproduced in facsimile.

sui habeant inde comitatum suum ita libere et quiete et honorifice sicut aliquis comitum Anglie liberior et quietius . et honorificentius habet. Testibus . *Thoma cancellario* . Hugone comite de Norfolc' . Rogero comite de Clar' comite Patricio . Ricardo filio Gisleberti . Henrico de Essex' constabulario . Ricardo de Humetis constabulario Ricardo de Luci . Waltero filio Roberti . *Manassero Biset dapifero* . Warino filio Geroldi camerario . Ricardo de Canuilla . Willelmo de Lanual' Hamone Peccato . Apud Dour' in transitu regis.

Slit only for seal tag.

This charter and the circumstances leading up to it have been discussed by Round in *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 179–94, 239–40, 439, but notwithstanding his high authority the view there put forward seems to call for further examination.

Not later than 1139 Aubrey had married Beatrix, who on the death of her grandfather Count Manasses in that year became countess of Guisnes. In 1142 the Empress Maud executed a charter creating Aubrey earl of Cambridgeshire and giving him the third penny of that county, unless it should be that the king of Scotland already had that earldom; if it thus happened that Aubrey failed to obtain this earldom she granted that he should be earl of one of four counties, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Wiltshire, or Dorset, as he might choose (Round, *op. cit.* 180). Later in the same year this grant was confirmed by the future Henry II, then a boy of 9½, as *rectus heres Anglie et Normannie* (*ibid.* 186). In the empress's charter Aubrey is described as *comes* and rightly, for he was then count of Guisnes in right of his wife. In or before 1146 the marriage of Aubrey and Beatrix must have been annulled, for she died, apparently in 1146, as the wife of Baldwin of Ardres (*ibid.* 189). Aubrey never in fact became earl of Cambridge, and in a charter not later than 1147 he styles himself earl of Oxford (*ibid.* 194).

Round's view (*op. cit.* 239–40) is that the present charter is a new creation, that Henry did not recognize the validity of his mother's charter of 1142, which would render the present grant of the third penny unnecessary, and that the comital style here given to Aubrey is referable to his countship of Guisnes. To this there seem to be serious objections. Aubrey's marriage with the countess had been annulled; moreover, she was dead without issue and her cousin Arnold of Ghent was in possession of the *comté* and actually styled count: neither in law nor in fact was Aubrey count of Guisnes. To meet this Round prints a charter of Ording, abbot of St. Edmunds, making a grant *Alberico comiti Gisenensi* (*op. cit.* 189), Ording being the successor of Abbot Anselm who died in 1148. At first sight this seems sound evidence that Aubrey continued to be styled count of Guisnes after the annulment of his marriage and his wife's death; but Ording's charter has since been again printed by Warner and Ellis (*BM Facsimiles*, No. 18), who point out that in 1138 Anselm was elected to the bishopric of London and Ording made abbot in his stead; Anselm's election was ultimately quashed and he resumed the abbacy, ousting Ording probably in 1141; on Anselm's death in 1148 Ording again became abbot. They attribute this charter to Ording's first abbacy, and if Aubrey was styling himself earl of Oxford in 1147 it is unlikely that the abbot would style him count of Guisnes in 1148 or later. The argument that if Henry had recognized his mother's grant as valid the present grant would have been unnecessary seems to be based on a misconception; the only third penny granted by the empress was that of Cambridgeshire; there was no express grant of the third penny of Oxfordshire and it is difficult to see what warrant the officials concerned would have had for paying it to him. Finally, it must not be forgotten that Henry had himself confirmed the empress's grant. Had he wished to escape obligation, his youth at the time of that confirmation might have afforded a good pretext.

It is submitted that the present charter is really based on the assumption of the validity of the empress's charter and recognizes it to have created Aubrey an earl. That grant, however, was incomplete and the position exceptional. In modern parlance Aubrey had been given an option over the earldom of Oxford and had exercised it, but something more was needed to perfect his title and to put him in possession, and the problem was to accomplish this without impugning the earlier grant. It was done by the grant of the

third penny of Oxfordshire *ut sit inde comes*; armed with this he would receive the third penny which, operating after the manner of *esplees*, would be evidence that the earldom had been delivered to him and that he had possession of it.

For the date see Eyton, *Itin.* 16.

41

Writ of Henry I commanding that Hugh son of Pinchon shall hold all his land which was formerly his father's. Woodstock. (1121-33)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1408-13*, 300, from an *inspeximus* of 1411. Mentioned: Farrer, *Itin.*, No. 531. Cited: Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 426, 'ex ipso autographo penes Rob. comitem de Lindsey ann. 1640'.

H. rex Angl' . episcopo Linc' . et comiti Rannulfo de Cestr' . et justiciar' . et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis . de Linc'scira ⁊ salutem. Precipio quod Hugo filius Pinchonis teneat totam terram suam que fuit patris sui . cum socha et sachas et toll' . et theam et cum infangenetheof . et cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis . ita bene et honorifice et iuste . sicut pater suus umquam melius et honorificentius tenuit. Et super hoc nullus faciat ei aliquam iniuriam . uel contumeliam. Teste Henrico de Pomeria. Apud Vdestoc'.

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Both Pinchon and his son Hugh were stewards of the bishop of Durham. In 1115 Pinchon the steward held of the bishop 2 car. 7 bov. in Fulstow (*Lindsey Survey*, LRS xix. 248) and 4 car. 6 bov. in Fulletby and Oxcombe (*ibid.* 257); while Hugh son of Pinchon held 4 bov. in Friskney of him (*ibid.* 253). In the *Book of Fees* and *Feudal Aids* the descent of these lands can be traced through the family of Bek to Robert of Willoughby who obtained the *inspeximus* of 1411; this similar devolution identifies the Pinchon and Hugh of the Survey as father and son. We learn from the continuator of Simeon of Durham (RS i. 156-7) that in 1144 Hugh son of Pinchon, the steward of William de Sainte-Barbe, bishop of Durham, betrayed his lord and joined William Cumin, who had usurped the see; the full tale of his iniquities is set out. An original charter of Bishop William de Sainte-Barbe in the treasury of Durham cathedral confirms Hugh's gift of Windgate and Smeaton, co. Durham, to Hugh Burrell (Surtees, *Hist. of Durham*, i. 97). At an uncertain date Hugh, described as seneschal of the bishop of Durham, gave land at Wainfleet, Lincs., to Bury St. Edmunds (Douglas, *Feudal Documents*, No. 213). He was still living in 1166, when he was returned as holding of the bishop of Durham 7 knights' fees of the old feoffment in Lincolnshire and one of the same in the bishopric (RB 416-17): this is his last occurrence. A series of charters for Kirkstead abbey (Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, Nos. 172-9) dealing with land in Kirkby on Bain show that it was by the marriage of Hugh's daughter and heiress Agnes to Walter Bek that his lands passed to that family, but since the earliest of these is dated 1162, when Hugh was still living, Kirkby must have been Agnes's marriage portion. The materials for dating the charter are scanty. Since Ranulf earl of Chester succeeded his cousin, Richard, who was drowned in the White Ship on 25 Nov. 1120, it can hardly be earlier than 1121; the later limit is the king's last crossing to Normandy at the beginning of Aug. 1133. Robert Bertie, earl of Lindsey and Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, in whose possession this charter was in 1640, was the representative of the Robert of Willoughby of 1411; it was therefore still in proper custody.

EX CARTIS SIMONIS HARECOURT MILITIS

42

Charter of Richard de Camville restoring to Richard Pipard on the petition of Robert Pipard his brother the land in the manor of Stanton Harcourt, Oxon., which their grandfather Leger the knight held by the gift of Richard de Camville and Milisent his wife, the grantor's father and mother. Stanton Harcourt. (1176-91)

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus de Camuill' omnibus hominibus . et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis . salutem. Notum sit uobis me peticione Roberti Pipardi reddidisse et concessisse Ricardo Pipard' fratri suo et heredibus suis pro homagio et seruitio ipsius Ricardi totam terram quam Ligerus miles auus eorundem tenuit die qua obiit in manerio meo de Stanton' donatione Ricardi de Camuill' patris mei et Milesent' matris mee ⁊ tenendam sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis per seruitium tercię partis unius militis pro omni seruicio quod ad me et heredes meos pertinet. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predictus Ricardus et heredes eius post eum totam predictam terram habeant et teneant libere et quiete . bene . et in pace . honorifice . planarie . et integre . cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus ad eandem terram pertinentibus ⁊ in bosco . et plano . et cunctis aliis locis. Tali itaque condicione prenominaus Robertus hanc concessionem faciendam concessit ⁊ quod si forte prefatus Ricardus sine herede de uxore desponsata obierit ⁊ tota prenominata terra redibit prefato Roberto et heredibus suis . tenenda de me et heredibus meis per idem seruitium per quod eam predicto Ricardo concessi. His testibus . Willelmo de Stant' . et Milone capellanis . et Widone de Hamarz . et Radulfo de Beggheuill' . et Widone de Cahanes et Roberto de Stant' . et Johanne de Kent clericis . et Laurencio de Morra . et Warino de Morra . et Godefrido de Leia . et Johanne de Bakepuz . et Roberto de Burton' . et Willelmo de Morra . et multis aliis. Apud Stanton'.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; tinted yellow. A bird with wings displayed, looking backward; ✠ SIGILLVM RICARDI DE CAMVILLE

Richard de Camville, the grantor, was the eldest son of Richard de Camville the elder by his second wife Milisent, widow of Robert Marmion (of Tamworth who died 1143-4) and cousin to Henry I's queen Adeliza, who gave her part of the manor of Stanton Harcourt, giving other parts to Reading abbey, the Templars, and William de Harfleur (White Kennett, *Parochial Antiquities*, 2nd ed. i. 154, from a Reading cartulary). Richard the father died in 1176 (*PR 3 & 4 Ric. I*, xxxvi); the date of Milisent's death is uncertain, but the language of a charter of 1170 by which her husband, Richard de Camville, gave tithe in Hautot-l'Auvray, Seine-Inf., to the abbey of Jumièges suggests that she was then dead (Vernier, *Chartes de Jumièges*, Soc. Hist. Norm. ii. 1). The family took its name from Canville-les-Deux-Églises, Seine-Inf., arr. Yvetot, about 4 miles from Hautot-l'Auvray. The grantor died at Acre on crusade in 1191; his eventual heir was his daughter Isabel who married Robert de Harcourt (*PR 3 & 4 Ric. I*, 251). Assuming that the land here granted at some time reverted to the Harcourts this charter was in 1640 in proper custody. Continuous entries on the Pipe Rolls from 1177 to 1191, confirmed by an entry in the Eynsham cartulary

(i. 398, Ox. Hist. Soc.), suggest that the manor was throughout that period in the king's hand, but the present charter seems to show that at some time Richard de Camville was in possession and it may be that the entries in question relate to other parts of the manor. The actual transaction seems to have been in essence a gift by Robert Pipard to his brother Richard, effected by a surrender to the chief lord of the fee and a regrant by him, thus avoiding the creation of a mesne tenancy: for a similar case see No. 301.

43

Charter of Henry II confirming to Thomas son of Robert son of Noel all that he held by the gift of Richard bishop of Coventry, by the gift of Laurence prior of Coventry, by the grant of Anselm abbot of St. Edmunds, and by the grant of Robert of Stafford. Northampton. (Jan. 1177)

BS FACSIMILE.

.H. dei gratia rex Anglorum . et dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus justic' . vicecomitibus ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Thome filio Roberti filii Noel ipsi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate omnia subscripta que rationabiliter data sunt ei et concessa . et cartis donatorum suorum confirmata. Ex dono Ricardi Coventr' episcopi et concessione ipsius totum tenementum ipsius Thome quod est de feodo ipsius episcopi et de hereditate eiusdem Thome. Ex dono et concessione Laurencii Couintr' prioris totiusque conuentus terram de Grenebergia sicut pater eius eam melius et liberius unquam tenuit . et burgagium quod habuit in Couintr'. Ex concessione Anselmi abbatis totiusque conuentus sancti Eadmundi totam terram que hereditario jure ipsum Thomam contingit que fuit Liueue uxoris Odonis aurifabri et Willelmi filio Alboldi in Halstedia. Ex concessione Roberti de Stafford terram de Rontonia et Cokeslonia . et terram de Burg que est juxta Gnowesale. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod idem Thomas et heredes sui post eum omnia supradicta habeant et teneant in feodo et hereditate . bene et in pace . libere et quiete . integre et plenarie et honorifice per seruitia in cartis predictorum determinata . in bosco et plano . in pratis et pascuis . in aquis et molendinis . in viuariis et stagnis . in viis et semitis . et in omnibus aliis locis et aliis rebus ad ea pertinentibus . et cum omnibus libertatibus . et liberis consuetudinibus suis . infra burgum et extra . sicut carte prefati episcopi et abbatis atque conuentus sancti Eadmundi et prioris totiusque conuentus de Covintr' . et Roberti de Stafford' . testantur. Testibus . Gilleberto Lund' Gaufrido El' . Johanne Northwic' : episcopis . Nicolao capellano . comite Willelmo de Mand' . Hugone comite Cestr' . Ricardo comite de Clara . Willelmo de Aubinn' . Randulfo de Glanvill' . Bertramo de Verdun . Gaufrido Pertic' . Widone Extraneo . Willelmo filio Radulfi. Apud Norhamtonam.

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Hugh earl of Chester was deprived of his earldom in 1174 as a result of his share in the great rebellion and was restored to full possession of his lands at the council of Northampton in Jan. 1177; he died 30 June

1181. John of Oxford was consecrated bishop of Norwich 14 Dec. 1175. The king left England in Apr. 1180 and did not return until the end of July 1181. This gives the limits of date 1177–80, and in view of the names of the witnesses it seems certain that the charter passed at the council of Northampton in Jan. 1177. Eyton noticed this charter from Dodsworth MSS. cxxx, f. 119*b* and attributed it to this occasion (*Itin.* 210). Nicholas of Stafford seems to have enfeoffed Noel with Ronton and Cooksland probably before 1100 and Nicholas's son, Robert of Stafford, seems to have enfeoffed Noel's son, Robert, with Burgh by Gnosall in the reign of Stephen (*W. Salt Coll.* ii. 219 and 256). Robert son of Noel founded Ronton priory, and much information about the family is to be found in General Wrottesley's abstract of the cartulary in *W. Salt Coll.* iv. William de Harcourt, son and heir of the Robert of No. 44, married Alice daughter and coheir of Thomas the grantee. In 1640, therefore, the original of this charter was in proper custody. The inquisition on the death of Richard de Harcourt in 1258 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 411) shows him holding the manor of Ellenhall, Staffs., of the bishop of Lichfield and Coventry for half a knight's fee. In the bishop's return of 1166 (*RB* 263) Robert son of Noel is shown as holding half a knight's fee of the old enfeoffment. Richard Peche was consecrated bishop in 1161, so that his charter, here confirmed, was a regrant, or confirmation of Thomas's inheritance. Laurence occurs as prior of Coventry in 1144 and died 29 Jan. 1179 (*VCH Warw.* ii. 58). The charter of Abbot Anselm confirming Hawstead to William son of Albold, here confirmed, is printed by Professor Douglas in *Feudal Documents*, 127. The wife of Robert son of Noel was named Alice (*W. Salt Coll.* iv. 271) and, as Hawstead came to Thomas by inheritance, she would seem to have been the eventual heir of William son of Albold.

44

Notification by Bertram de Verdun of an agreement between himself and Robert de Harcourt settling a dispute as to the relations between the parish church of Market Bosworth, Leics., and Robert's chapelry there. (1166–95)

BS FACSIMILE.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Bertramus de Verdon' salutem. Uniuersitati uestre notificetur causam que uertebatur inter me et Robertum de Harecurt super capellaria de Bosewurthe . quam petebam ad ecclesiam de Bosewurthe pertinentem ⁊ per duodecim legales homines coram iusticiariis domini regis compromisimus ⁊ hoc modo esse sopitam. Scilicet quod Robertus de Harecurt et heredes sui capellariam suam in perpetuum sine omni vexatione et reclamacione matricis ecclesie de Bosewurthe quietam habebit . et capellanum suum in eadem capella sua ad diuinum officium celebrandum quemcunque uoluerit habebit cum duabus partibus ouentionis totius dominici sui et curie sue de Bosewurthe . tam de oblationibus quam de aliis ouentionibus illius curie ⁊ seruata tamen tercia parte matriци ecclesie de Bosewurthe . tam de oblationibus quam de aliis ouentionibus. Pasturam quoque quam in parco Roberti de Harecurt clausam mihi petebam ⁊ Roberto de Harecurt et heredibus suis sicut suum remanet. Hiis testibus Pe . . . Simonis . Alano filio Fuke Pagano de Praers . Rogero de Mortuna . Ricardo de Friuilla . Henrico de Verdon' . Helia clerico Henrico clerico Roberto . . . esleia . Radulfo de Normanuilla Willelmo Saket . Willelmo de Alencun . Roberto diacono et multis [a]liis.

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Ives de Harcourt, Robert's father, was living in 1166 (*PR 12 Hen. II*, 68), but he seems to have died before

the end of the year, for in the *carta* of the earl of Warwick of 1166 Robert occurs as holding one fee in Weston and the mention of Ives therein clearly relates to the state of affairs in the time of Earl Roger who died in 1153 (*RB* 1325). Similarly an entry in the Ferrers *carta* shows Ives as having ceased to hold land of the earl and this, though not conclusive, suggests him to be dead (*ibid.* 337). Bertram de Verdun died between Michaelmas 1194 and Michaelmas 1195 (*PR 7 Ric. I*, 198).

EX CARTIS DOMINI THOME ASTON DE ASTON IN COMITATU CESTRIE MILITIS DECEMBER 1640

45

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Agnes, formerly wife of Warin de Meinwaring, confirming to Robert of Coddington (*Codynton*'), his heirs and assigns, all the lands and tenements in North Rode, Chesh., which William de Holyns gave to Robert and which formerly belonged to Henry son of Richard of the same: to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the services to them pertaining. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Ricardo de Fouleshurst tunc vicecomite Cestris' Roberto de Brescy Rogero de Motlowe Rogero de Fulshaghe Johanne clerico et multis aliis.' (1306-9.)

For North Rode and the Mainwaring interest therein see Ormerod, *Hist. of Cheshire* (1882), iii. 735. Richard de Fouleshurst first occurs as sheriff on 22 Sept. 1306; his successor occurs on 11 Apr. 1309.

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; grey-green. A scrolled border and three shields of arms meeting in a point: (i) three crosses crosslet fitchy a chief fretty [*ARDERNE*]; (ii) a lion rampant [*MONHAUT*]; (iii) two bars [*MAINWARING*].

EX CARTIS ROBERTI ARDEN DE PARKHALL IN COMITATU WARR' ARMIGERI NOVEMBER 1641

46

*Charter of Henry of Arden giving, with the consent of William his son and heir, to
Hugh son of Peter the service of Robert of Willenhall, Warw. (Henry II)*

BS FACSIMILE.

Henricus de Ardena omnibus hominibus atque amicis suis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Hugoni Petri filio concessu Willelmi filii mei et heredis seruitium Roberti de Wilehale quod predictus Robertus mihi fecit. Et hoc seruitium tenebit predictus Hugo et heredes sui de me et heredibus meis . annuatim reddendo ipse Hugo et heredes sui mihi et heredibus meis unum sorum nisum. Et pro hac donatione et concessu dedit predictus Hugo mihi quendam equum . et Willelmo filio meo duos solidos. His testibus . Henrico filio meo . Steffano de Ruitona . Radulfo clerico . Oseberto famulo meo . Ricardo de Efnefeld . Galfrido de Clouuilla . Oseberto le Franceis.

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The early descent of Arden is shown by a suit of the year 1208 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, v. 241). The Domesday tenant-in-chief Thurchil of Warwick, or Arden, left by his first wife a son Siward of Arden, living in 1130 (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 108), who left two sons, Henry, the present donor, and Hugh (see Nos. 52, 138), who in 1166 held 5 and 5½ fees respectively of the earl of Warwick (*RB* 325). The suit of 1208 shows that Henry's successor in title was then his son Thomas of Arden (see No. 159); Henry's son William must therefore have died without issue and probably in his father's lifetime. By a second wife, Leveruna, Thurchil left a son Osbert of Arden, living 1130 (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 105), for whom and his descendants see *Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vii. 102; *BM Facsimiles*, No. 12; Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 187, 279. There is an elaborate pedigree of the family in Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 651, which, however, requires correction.

47

Charter of Eustace of Arden quitclaiming William son of Hugh of Drayton with all his chattels to Thomas of Arden, his younger son. (1209?–32?)

BS FACSIMILE.

Nouerint uniuersi quod ego Eustachius de Ardern' dedi concessi et quietum clamaui Thome de Arden' filio meo juniore Willelmum filium Hugonis de Drayton' quondam hominem meum cum omnibus catallis suis dicto Thome et quibuscunque uoluerit ipsum assignare in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium presens scriptum sigilli mei inpressione roborauimus. Hiis testibus dominis Roberto de Pinkyngni Thoma de Ardern' Johanne de Stapelton' Johanne de Baggepuz . Johanne de Sokreswell' . Johanne Golyas Ricardo de Wytsond et multis aliis.

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The donor was of Watford, Northants.; according to Bridges (*Northamptonshire*, i. 586) there were four successive Eustaces: they appear to have been called Arden and Watford indifferently, compare *Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vi, p. 284 with p. 304. A Eustace of Arden gave the church of Watford to St. James's abbey, Northampton (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 371), and this was confirmed by his son, another Eustace (*ibid.* iv. 376). A Eustace occurs in Northants. in 1184 (*PR 30 Hen. II*, 106) and intermittently to 1242–3 (*Fees*, 943). It seems practically certain that the witness Robert de Pinkeny was of Weedon Pinkeny. He succeeded his father Henry in 1209 and died in 1232, being succeeded by his son, another Henry (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 523).

48

Charter of Henry of Arden giving, with the consent of Olive his wife and William his son, to his sister Felicia the land of Baginton, Warw., which Roger of Willenhall held of his father and himself. For this Felicia has given Henry a gold ring and will render yearly a sor sparrow-hawk. (Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

Henricus de Ardena . omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis tam futuris quam presentibus . salutes;¹ sciatis quod ego donauimus concessu Oliue uxoris mee et Willelmi filii mei Filicie mee sorori terram de Batchintun quam Rogerus de Wirenhal tenuit de meo patre et de me cum omnibus pertinentibus . in terris . in pratis . in aquis . in

¹ Sic.

pascuis . cum omnibus libertatibus ad eandem terram pertinentibus. Et pro hac terra Felicia soror mea dedit mihi quendam anulum aureum in recognitione . et in omni anno unum nisum sor pro omnibus seruiciis. Hanc terram dedi ei et suis heredibus de me et de meis heredibus quiete et libere tenenda¹ in feudo et hereditate. Teste Hugone de Ardena et Rotberto de Crapt . et Willelmo filio Petri de Burminham et Willelmo capellano . et Willelmo de Euenafeld et Henrico de Egboldestun . et Rotberto fratre eius . et Jurdano milite.

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See note to No. 46. Peter of Birmingham held 9 knights' fees of Gervase Paynel in 1166 (*RB* 269).

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BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Thomas of Arden of Ratley, Warw. (*Rottele*), giving to Nicholas de Eton' all the lands and tenements which he had in the manor of Ratley except the capital messuage and the park appertaining to the said manor; to hold to Nicholas, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the said manor, performing the services due and accustomed. Thomas, his heirs or assigns, will warrant the said lands and tenements to Nicholas, his heirs and assigns, and will acquit them against the chief lord of the service due for the said capital messuage. For this Nicholas gave Thomas 200 marks sterling *in gersumam*. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . dominis Johanne Pecche . Johanne filio Guydonis . Roberto Waundard militibus . Petro le Bretun . Henrico Mile . Hugone de Upton' . Johanne de eadem Willelmo de Westcote . Johanne filio Hugonis de Chaddeleshunte Thoma Rauen' . et aliis.' Ratley: 17 July 1287.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1 in.; red. Shield of arms, checky a chevron; ★ SIGILLUM THOME DE ARDERNE Cf. BM 6903

See Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 389.

50

Charter of Gervase Paynel restoring Saltley, Warw., to Henry of Rugby to hold by one-fifth of a knight's service. (1166-76)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED with annotation by Mr. G. P. Mander in *Collections for the History of Staffordshire*, 1941, 72.

Geruasius Pag' . omnibus hominibus suis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Notum sit uobis me concessisse et reddidisse Henrico de Rokebia Saluthleiam illi et heredibus suis tenendam de me et de heredibus meis in feudo hereditario . libere et quiete in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis et aquis et cum omnibus libertatibus cum quibus antecessores eius eam tenuerunt . quintam partem seruicii militis unius inde faciendo. Testibus . Isabel' comitissa . uxore mea et domino Johanne de Sumereio et Hawisa sorore mea . et Petro dapifero et Radulfo de Seil' . et Roberto de Creaft . et Alexandro de Ardena et Simone capellano et Rogero clerico et Ricardo filio Radulfi . et Galfrido² Ruilleio et Fulquio filio Willelmi Pag' . et Roberto Pag'.

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¹ *Sic.*

² *de omitted.*

The grantor is the well-known Gervase Paynel of Dudley, for whom see *EYC* vi. 48–50: the grantee held Rugby, from which he took his name (Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 17). The inquisition taken on the death of Roger III de Somery, Gervase's representative in 1291, shows Mabel, daughter and coheir of Rannulf of Rugby, holding Saltley near Birmingham by the service of one-fifth of a knight (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* ii, No. 813), which identifies the 'Saluthleia' of this charter. The date must be later than the grantor's return of his knights in 1166 (*RB* 269), since this holding is not included. The latest limit is not easy to fix; Mr. Mander has shown (op. cit. 48) that Peter 'dapifer' is Peter of Birmingham. Alan occurs as Gervase's steward in 1180 (*PR* 26 *Hen. II*, 79), also in 1181 and 1182; he also so occurs in 1193, just before Gervase's death (*PR* 5 *Ric. I*, 99), and may be presumed to have held office during the intervening period. Peter of Birmingham occurs in 1171 (*PR* 17 *Hen. II*, 54), but in 1176 his son William makes a render for a forest offence (*PR* 22 *Hen. II*, 169); this taken in conjunction with the occurrence of Alan as steward in 1180 points to Peter being dead in 1176. John de Somery, who married Hawisa, sister and heiress of Gervase, was the first Somery lord of Dudley (*Staffs. Coll.*, 1941, 35).

51

Notification by Ela countess of Warwick that she has granted to Thomas of Arden the right to exploit his wood of Curdworth, Warw. (Shortly after 1242)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christianis has literas visuris uel auditoris Ela comitissa de Waruick' salutem in domino. Noueritis nos concessisse in propria uiduitate nostra domino Thome de Ardern' se prodesse in boscho suo de Crudeuorth' sicut continetur inter dominam Margeriam comitissam de Waruick . et inter dictum Thomam de Ardern'. In huius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum apposuiamus.

Strip for seal and riband below torn off.

Ela daughter of William Longespée, earl of Salisbury, married first Thomas earl of Warwick, who died 26 June 1262 without issue, and secondly Philip Basset, who died 1271. She died 6 Feb. 1297. For Thomas of Arden see Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 650–2. Dugdale assumes that Thomas was ruined by fine exacted by the *Dictum de Kenilworth*, since he alienated most of his properties during the years after 1281. Curdworth among other lands was given to Hugh de Vienne in 1281, a grant Dugdale assumed to be 'no other than a trust; for very soon after did the same Thomas convey the inheritance to Thomas de Arden of Hanwell' (Dugdale, op. cit. 649). The present document must date from Ela's first widowhood.

52

Charter of Hugh of Arden confirming to Canwell priory, Staffs., a virgate of land in demesne with meadow adjacent thereto in Curdworth, Warw., which Cecily his sister had given. (Late Stephen or early Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus Hugo de Ardene salutem. Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris me Hugonem concessisse in elemosinam deo et ecclesie sancti Egidii de Kanewell' et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unam uirgatam terre de dominio cum prato adiacente in Creddewrthia . quam Cecilia soror mea predictae

ecclesie et monachis pro mea et sua anima et pro animabus omnium antecessorum nostrorum dedit . et uolo et firmiter constituo ut monachi predicti teneant hanc terram bene et in pace et honorifice in bosco et plano pratis et pascuis et in omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus . et liberi sint et quieti ab omni seruitio et exactione seculari ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente. Huius concessionis sunt testes Aschulfus de Can¹ et canonicus de Lichesf' . et Normannus canonicus de Lich' . Andreas sacerdos de Hit' et Ailsī presbiter de Hull' . Jordanus diaconus de Hit' . Ailmarus diaconus . Ricardus diaconus . Willelmus de Ardern' Robertus Bag' . Simon de Acheles . Hacun de Hulla . Robertus de Lichesf'.

No seal or tag shown.

The grantor was brother of Henry of Arden of Nos. 46 and 48. Described as brothers they together consented to a gift of Geoffrey of Glympton, the younger, to Kenilworth abbey before 1163 (*Mon.* vi. 224). In 1166 Hugh held 5½ fees of the earl of Warwick (*RB* 328), which, however, in 1166 had been exchanged with the earl of Leicester. *Hit'* is Whitacre. Over and Nether Whitacre lie next to Curdworth. In 1166 Simon of Witacre or Hitacre held half a fee of Robert Marmion (*RB* 327). There is no express evidence of date, but on general grounds the charter can be placed late in Stephen's reign or early in Henry II's.

EX CARTIS DOMINI THOME ASTON DE ASTON COMITATU CESTRIE MILITIS DECEMBER 1640

53

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Letters of William Trussell of Cubleston, knight, appointing Edmund de Boseden his attorney to deliver full seisin of the manor of Nether Alderley, Chesh. (*Nether Alderleghe*), to John son of Peter of Arden of Alderley. Sealing clause. Nether Alderley: 14 Dec. 1345.

SEAL on strip, riband below torn off: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, fretty, on each joint a roundel, all within a bordure charged with roundels; ✠ SIGILLV WILLELMI TRVSEL

These Cheshire Ardens also held Elford, Staffs., of the honor of Chester. Peter of Arden died in 1292 leaving a son John aged 26, and still living in 1338 (*HKF* ii. 273); he is probably this John son of Peter. If so, the pedigree in Ormerod, *Hist. of Cheshire*, 2nd ed. ii. 86 seems chronologically incorrect. Ormerod (op. cit. 76) derives Arden of Alderley from John son of Eustace II of Arden of Watford (see No. 47); this seems probable, though hardly certain.

ADHUC EX CARTIS EIUSDEM ROBERTI ARDEN ARMIGERI 1641

54

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of William de Braddene giving to Thomas de Ardern of Hanwell (Oxon.) and Royse his wife all his capital house (*capitalem curiam*) in Wappenham, Northants. (*Wappinham*), with the garden, land, meadows, and pastures in demesne, with all appurtenances, except free tenants and tenants in villeinage,

¹ Sic; ? for *decanus*, i.e. rural dean and a canon of Lichfield.

namely that house, &c., which Henry de Pinkeny gave to John de Wayhull with Agnes his daughter in marriage. To hold of the donor, his heirs or assigns to Thomas and Royse his wife and their heirs or assigns, rendering yearly 4 shillings and 1 penny, at Michaelmas 2 shillings and 1 penny, and at Easter 2 shillings, for all service. Warranty clause. For this Thomas and Royse gave him 100 marks sterling. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Willelmo de Turuile . Roberto de Wauncy . Willelmo de Pinken' de Morton' Thoma Wale de Eydon' Willelmo de Sancto Johanne de Plumton' Luca de Wappinham Symone le Blund de eadem Alano marescallo de Weston' . Ricardo Marescallo de Wappinham et aliis.' (Edw. I, not later than 1290, probably before 1288.)

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{13}{16}$ in.; brown. A stag courant to the sinister; ★ S' WIEL[?M]I : DE : BRADDE[?]N

John de Wahull was under age at the time of his father's death in 1269; he died in 1296 leaving a widow, Agnes, and a son, Thomas, aged 23 (*HKF* i. 67). He must have been married between 1269 and 1272. Since the land was to be held of the donor and his heirs the gift must have been made before the statute of *Quia Emptores* in 1290. William de St. John of Plumpton died shortly before 1288, leaving as his heir his grandson, William, who was under age and died in 1331 (*HKF* i. 88). Therefore this charter was made in the reign of Edward I, probably before 1288. It is cited by Baker, *Northamptonshire*, i. 725, as from 'Hatton portfolio of deeds no. 54'. According to Dugdale (*Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 652) the grantee, Thomas de Arden of Hanwell, married Rose daughter of Ralf de Vernon, 'by whom (I think) he had the said lordship of Hanwell'. From Thomas de Arden of Ratley he received Peddimore, Curdworth, and other lands in about 1286 (Dugdale, op. cit., see note to No. 51). The pedigree of the family given by Dugdale, op. cit. 651, does not agree in all respects with his account of the immediate descendants of Thomas of Arden of Hanwell on the following page.

EX CARTIS GERVASII HOLLIES DE GRIMSBY IN COMITATU LINC' ARMIGERI 1641

55

BS FACSIMILE.

Letters patent of John 'de Bellomonte vicecomes Beamont et dominus de Folkyngham' appointing William Tyrwhit, knight, to be steward during pleasure of his demesnes of Linwood (*Lyndewod*), Thoresway?,¹ and of all other his manors, demesnes, &c., in Lindsey, Lincs., receiving therefrom yearly such emoluments as John Barnetby, esquire, formerly received for the said office. Sealing clause. Westminster: 26 Oct. 1441.

SEAL on strip: round, $2\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red. A couched shield of arms, semé of fleurs-de-lis, a lion rampant [BEAUMONT]. Helmet surmounted by crest, a lion statant on a cap of estate. On either side a shield of arms (i) BEAUMONT, impaling quarterly, 1 and 4 quarterly an eagle in the first quarter [PHELIP], 2 and 3 three cinquefoils [BARDOLF]; (ii) three garbs [COMYN];² *Sigillū . Johis dñi de bellumonte : etc : de : folkyngham :*

COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in., red. An elephant, on its back a tower; motto imperfect and not deciphered.

John de Beaumont was the first man to take the title of Viscount in the English peerage; see *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 62.

56

BS FACSIMILE. Indented.

Charter of William Lungespeye giving to Philip Luci (*Lucieiz*) all the land which Sewale de Oseuill' formerly held of him in the village of Wanborough (*Wamberge*), Wilts. and 2 acres of wood in his wood of

¹ The reading of this place is doubtful. It appears to be *elmaswaye*, but it is highly probable that in 1641 the transcriber had difficulty in reading the original document at this point. Thoresway is offered with diffidence as the most

likely solution of the problem.

² Portion of a line denoting per pale, evidently in error. COMYN was quartered by BEAUMONT.

Aldbourne, Wilts. (*Audiburne*), to hold to him and his heirs of the donor and his heirs, rendering yearly a pair of gilt spurs or sixpence at Easter for all service: William and his heirs will warrant the land to Philip and his heirs against all men both Jews and Christians in respect of every debt owed in Jewry on the day when the present exchange was made. For this gift and grant Philip gave William all the land which he had in 'Hammes' with the salt-pans and all dues and services of all the tenants and with the whole hundred of Cogdean, Dors. (*Cogdene*); and if William and his heirs shall not be able to warrant the said land of Wanborough to Philip and his heirs they are bound to warrant the whole value of the said land in a suitable place. Accordingly William and his heirs shall not alienate the land of 'Hammes' with the whole hundred of Cogdean or any other land which he had at the time of the present exchange whereby they shall not have wherewith sufficiently to warrant the land of Wanborough with the 2 acres of wood at Aldbourne at the date of its loss at a reasonable valuation. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . dominis . Willelmo de Cantulupo Philippo Basset . Hugone de Viuonia . Nicholao de Molis et Jacobo de Aldithelegh' . Petro de Monteforti . Waltero Byset . Roberto de Ver . militibus . Willelmo de Ebor' Jeremia de Kaxton' domini regis tunc justiciariis Laurentio del Brok' . Willelmo de Horssenden' . Thoma Makerel . et Valentino . clericis . et aliis.' 26 Nov. 1246.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, six lions rampant; ✠ SIGILLVM WILLELMI LONGESPEIE

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 in.; green. A sword pointing downward; ✠ S[EC]RETVM WILLELMI LONGESPE

The grantor was the son and heir of the earl and countess of Salisbury, William Longespée and Ela (see note to No. 62), but he never became earl. His father died 7 Mar. 1226. His mother having taken the veil at Lacock abbey in 1238, he had succeeded to his inheritance; he was slain in Syria 8 Feb. 1250. 'Hammes' is probably Hampreston, Dors., in the hundred of Cogdean; it lies near Canford Magna, which was a fee of the earl of Salisbury. See also No. 192.

57

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of William de Percy, son of Henry de Percy, confirming to Thomas de Archis, son of Alan de Archis, all the lands which his father Alan held of the grantor's fee both in demesne and in service, namely, Rainton (*Reynigton*), Somerby (*Sumereby*), Kereby (in Kirkby Overblow), Kettlewell (*K[ete]lwelle*), Arncliffe (*Arnecliue*), Linton, Threskfield (*Threskefeld*), 2 carucates of land in Addingham (*Adingham*), half a carucate in Follifoot (*Folifayt*), half a carucate in West Halton (*Alton*), a house (*mansionem*) in Tadcaster (*Tatecastre*), a house in York, and a house in Stamford Bridge (*Pontebelli*) to hold to Thomas and his heirs of the grantor and his heirs doing the service of $1\frac{3}{4}$ knights' fees. 'Et ne ego uel aliquis here-dum meorum aliquod jus uel clamium in predictis terris habere possimus habendi eas in dominico' presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione roborauī . saluis tamen michi et heredibus meis wardis et releuiis et omnibus aliis exaetis que occasione predicti seruicii michi uel heredibus meis poterint accidere. Hiis testibus . Johanne de Lunguilers . Gerardo Seluayn . Gilberto de Alton' . Nicholao Ward Waltero de Wyldeker Willelmo filio Thome de Belkethorp . Willelmo le Latimer Roberto de Monastiis .¹ Bartholomeo de Askeleby . Willelmo de Midilton' . Johanne Fagherwall' Roberto de Midilton'.' (*circa* 1234.)

Fragment of equestrian seal on tag.

The places mentioned are all in the West Riding of Yorkshire except Rainton in Topcliffe in the North Riding, Stamford in the East Riding, and Somerby near Brigg in Lincolnshire. On the death of William de Percy, the last of the first house, his lands were divided between his daughters, Agnes (d. 1205) wife of Joscelin of Louvain, and Maud (d. c. 1204 *s.p.*) wife of William earl of Warwick. Agnes's son and heir Henry de Percy died in his mother's lifetime, and on the death of the coheiresses the Percy lands were

¹ Sic.

divided between Henry's son and heir, William, the present grantor, and his uncle Richard de Percy, Agnes's younger son, an arrangement which led to prolonged litigation. William de Percy was under age at Trinity 1212 and in ward to William Briwerre, who then recovered against Richard de Percy the service due from Rainton, lately held by Alan de Arches, who was dead (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vi. 321). But William must have been of age by Trinity 1214, when he occurs as plaintiff in an assize of darrein presentment respecting the church of Kirkby Overblow (*ibid.* vii. 224). He was living in 1242-3, when Thomas de Arches is returned as holding Somerby of him (*Fees*, 1013), but was dead by 28 July 1245 (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 452). These facts give an outside limit of date for the present charter of 1214-45, but on 11 June 1231 William de Percy by a final concord recognized the right of Thomas de Arches to 6 carucates in Rainton (*Percy Chartulary*, Surtees Soc. 25), and in Oct. 1234 there is a record of the final settlement of the disputes between him and his uncle Richard before the justices at Westminster by which among other things Richard recognized William's right to the manors of Tadcaster and Linton and the tenure of Thomas de Arches from William (*ibid.* 464). This charter must be later than the former of these, and in all probability is shortly after the settlement between nephew and uncle. By a final concord made 19 Jan. 1234/5 Thomas de Arches gave 21 bovates of land in Rainton to St. Leonard's hospital, York (*Yorks. Fines 1232-46*, *Yorks. Arch. Soc. Rec. Ser.* lxxvii. 35). This possibly gives the latest limit of date. For the Percy family see *CP*, 2nd ed. x.

EX CARTIS WILLELMI WARD DE CASTRO DE DUDLEY ARMIGERI MARC' 1640

58

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* v. 84, 'ex autogr.' Mentioned: Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 613.

An indulgence granted by Archbishops Basil of Jerusalem (*Jerusalemitanus*), Adenulf of Consa della Campagna (*Adenulfus Consanus*), and Rannulf of Cagliari in Sardinia (*Rannaus Calaritanus*), and bishops Adam of Martorano (*Maituran*'), Nicholas of Nicastro (*Neocastrens*'), Nicholas Colcedoine, Angelus of Fiesole (*Fesulanus*), Bernard of Parenzo (*Parentinus*), Thomas Etesien, Nicholas of Tortiboli (*Tortibulen*'), Anthony Chenodien', Bernard of Badajoz in Spain (*Pacens*'), Benedict of Dragonaria (*Dragonensis*) remitting 40 days of enjoined penance to all who are truly penitent and confessed, so often as they shall devoutly say the Lord's Prayer together with the Angelic Salutation for the soul of Roger de Someri, who lies buried in the priory church of Dudley in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Sealing clause. 'Datum Rome anno domini millesimo trecentesimo Pontificatus domini Bonfacii Pape octauī anno sexto.' Rome: 22 Feb.-24 Dec. 1300.

This indulgence for the soul of the third Roger de Somery must have been granted during the jubilee of 1300, proclaimed by a bull dated 22 Feb. 1300; the last day of the year according to the Roman reckoning was 24 Dec. The bishops must have acted pursuant to a papal commission, which is not, however, enrolled in the register. The second Roger de Somery of Dudley died shortly before 26 Aug. 1273 and was succeeded by his son, another Roger (*Cal. Inq. p.m. Edw. I*, i, No. 16). About the first Roger de Somery of Dudley there is doubt; see *Staffs. Coll.*, 1941, 29 et seq. The third Roger died shortly before 11 Oct. 1291 (*Cal. Inq. p.m. Edw. I*, p. 813). In the *Monasticon* (v. 84) is printed an indulgence for the soul of Roger de Someri in similar terms to this, granted by Roger Longespée, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, on 18 Feb. 1290/1, which must refer to the second Roger.

Great bull of Lucius III confirming to Everard, prior of Dudley, and to the monks the churches held by them and granting them privileges as set forth. Velletri: 16 June

1182

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED (without the subscriptions): *Mon.* v. 83, 'ex autographo penes Edwardum dominum de Dudley an. 1640'. Mentioned: Jaffé, *Regesta Pontificum Romanorum*, 839.

Lucius episcopus seruus seruorum Dei dilectis filiis Euerardo priori ecclesie de Dudleia uniuersisque fratribus tam presentibus quam futuris regulare uita professis. In perpetuum.

Qui postpositis secularibus desideriis sub regulari disciplina suam uouerunt domino seruitutem apostolico debent patrocínio communiri ne in sui propositi executione tepescant . si prauorum fuerint iniuriis lacesciti. Ea propter dilecti in domino filii uestris iustis postulationibus clementer annuimus et prefatam ecclesiam in qua diuino estis obsequio mancipati . sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus et presentis scripti priuilegio communimus. In primis siquidem statuentes ut ordo monasticus qui secundum deum et beati Benedicti regulam atque institutionem Cluniacen' fratrum in eadem ecclesia noscitur institutus . perpetuis ibidem temporibus inuiolabiliter obseruetur. Preterea quascunque possessiones quecunque bona eadem ecclesia in presentiarum iuste et canonice possidet aut in futurum concessione pontificum . largitione regum uel principum oblatione fidelium . seu aliis iustis modis prestante domino poterit adipisci firma uobis uestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant . In quibus hec propriis duximus exprimenda uocabulis ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dudel' . et cappellas eiusdem uille Sancti Edmundi . . . ecclesiam de Seggs' cum pertinentiis . ecclesiam de Nortfeld cum capella de Coston . ecclesiam de Ingle . . . cum pertinentiis suis ecclesiam de Bratefelde cum capella de Englefeld . de donatione Geruasii Paganelli . ecclesiam de Womburn' . cum capella de Tresel . et aliis pertinentiis suis . de donatione Guidonis de Offeni . ecclesiam de Seille cum pertinentiis suis . de donatione Radulfi de Seille . ex donatione Agnetis de Sumeri villam de Chirchul cum pertinentiis suis . ex donatione Osberti de Kenefara villam de Saredun' cum pertinentiis suis . Ex donatione Roberti de Chandon' unam virgatam terre in villa de Wolinton' et terras de Ingepenn' ex donatione Johannis Mansel. Sepulturam preterea ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus ut eorum deuotioni et extreme uoluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberauerint nisi forte excommunicati uel interdicti sint . nullus obsistat . salua tamen iustitia illarum ecclesiarum a quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Cum autem generale interdictum cerni fuerit . liceat uobis clausis januis non pulsatis campanis . exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis suppressa uoce diuina officia celebrare. Sane noualium uestrorum que propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis . siue de nutrimentis animalium uestrorum nullus a uobis decimas exigere uel extorquere presumat. In parochialibus autem ecclesiis quas habens¹ liceat uobis clericos uel sacerdotes eligere

¹ *Sic. habetis, Mon.*

et diocesano episcopo presentare . quibus si idonei fuerunt¹ . episcopus curam animarum committat ut ei de spiritualibus uobis uero de temporalibus debeant respondere. Liceat quoque uobis clericos uel laicos . seculo fugientes liberos . et absolutos ad conuersionem uestram recipere . et eos absque contradictione aliqua retinere. Prohibemus insuper ne quis post factam in ecclesia uestram professionem nisi arctioris religionis optentu discedere de eodem loco presumat . discedentes uero sine comunium litterarum cautione nullus audeat retinere. Antiquas quoque et rationabiles consuetudines in ecclesia uestra hactenus obseruatas . futuris temporibus ratas decernimus permanere. Decernimus ergo [ut]² nulli omnino hominum liceat prefatum monasterium [in aliquo]² perturbare aut eius possessiones auferre uel ab[latas]² retinere . minuere seu quibuslibet uexationibus fatigare . sed omnia integra conseruentur eorum pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentacione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profuturas³ salua sedis apostolice auctoritatis⁴ et diocesani episcopi canonica iusticia . et debita reuerentia Cluniacen' ecclesie. Si qua igitur [in futurum]² ecclesiastica secularisue persona hanc nostre constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere uenire tentauerit . secundo tertioe commonita nisi reatum suum congrua satisfactione correxit . potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat reamque se diuino iudicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat . et a sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine dei et domini redemptoris nostri Jhesu Christi aliena fiat . atque in extremo examine districte ultioni subiaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua iura seruantibus sit pax domini nostri Jhesu Christi Quatenus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant . et apud districtum iudicem eterne pacis inueniant . Amen. Amen. Amen;

[monogram]

⁵Ego Lucius ca[tholice] ecclesie episcopus subscripsi. Bene valete

+ Ego Petrus sancte Susanne presbiter cardinalis S. + Ego Theod[inus] Portuensis [et sancte Rufine] sedis episcopus S. Ego Jacinctus diac' cardinalis sancte Marie in Co[smydyn].

+ Ego Petrus Tusculan' episcopus S. + Ego Arditio sancti Theodori diac' cardinalis S.

+ Ego Cynthius presbiter Cardinalis tituli sancte Cecilie SS. + Ego Paulus [Prenestinus]⁶ episcopus SS. + Ego Rainerius diac' cardinalis sancti Georgii ad Velu[m] Aureum SS.

+ Ego Gratianus sanctorum Cosme et Damiani diac' cardinalis SS.

+ Ego Arduinus presbiter cardinalis tituli Sancte Crucis in Jerusalem SS.

+ Ego Matheus presbiter cardinalis tituli sancti Marcelli SS.

+ Ego Laborans presbiter cardinalis sancte Marie Transtiberim.⁷

Datum Velletr' per manum Alberti sancte Romane ecclesie presbiteri cardinalis et

¹ fuerint, *Mon.*

² Blank in BS: supplied from *Mon.*

³ *Sic.* profutura, *Mon.*

⁴ *Sic.* auctoritate, *Mon.*

⁵ In the subscriptions the words in square brackets have been added from the subscriptions to other bulls of Lucius

III which are in print.

⁶ *Prewf* . . . *tinus*, BS.

⁷ In other bulls there are added the words *tituli Calixti*, which are part of the official title of the church: the BS copyist probably omitted them *per incuriam*.

cancellarii xvj kal. Julii Indictione xv Incarnationis dominice anno ^o ^o MClxxxx
Pontificatus uero domini LUCII pape iij anno j.

Lucius III was elected 1 Sept. and crowned 6 Sept. 1181; he died 25 Nov. 1185. The year of grace in the Datum is therefore impossible, but the year of the pontificate and the indiction agree and give the date 16 June 1182, which is clearly correct; the pope was at Velletri at that time. The Cluniac priory of St. James of Dudley was founded by Gervase Paynel.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 6 words. Indented.

Letters of John the abbot and of the convent of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Halesowen of the Premonstratensian order of the diocese of Worcester reciting that, Whereas King Edward IV has granted to the abbot and convent his priory of Dodford in the diocese of Worcester so that it may be united to the abbey; Therefore the abbot and convent grant and promise that on every 30th December being the day of the death of Richard duke of York, the king's father, they will in perpetuity solemnly celebrate at the altar of the conventual church a mass of requiem for the soul of the said duke and the souls of all the faithful departed and on the evening of the preceding day will sing solemnly (*per notam solemniter dicent*) *Placebo* and *Dirige* in the quire of the church aforesaid; they will repair and maintain the quire of the priory of Dodford and will cause a fitting priest twice a week at least there to celebrate masses for the souls of the founders and every weekday to say the office of the dead for the souls of Richard the king's father and of Edmund earl of Rutland. Every canon of the monastery at his profession and every abbot at his installation or within three days thereof shall take his corporal oath faithfully to observe the foregoing.

'Et ut hec omnia et singula omni dolo et fraude postposita fideli et perpetua firmitate conseruentur nos omnes et singuli promissimus bona fide et in verbo dei pro nobis ecclesia nostra et successoribus nostris. Renunciantes expresse in hiis omnibus et singulis omni priuilegio indulto vel indulgendo et omnibus impetratis et impetrandis et constitutioni de duabus dietis edite in concilio generali. Item priuilegio fori et omni cauillacioni appellacioni dilacioni defensionis excepta et omni iuris et facti remedio et omnibus aliis que nobis possint uel successoribus nostris seu ecclesie nostre aliquo modo contra premissa predicta et huic nostro scripto nocere submittentes nos in premissis iurisdictioni Reuerendissimi in Christo patris episcopi Wygorn' qui pro tempore fuerit ad cuius iurisdictionem dictus prioratus de Doddeford noscitur pertinere ut ipse tociens quociens omnia et singula premissa in parte uel in toto per nos minime fuerint obseruata per sequestraciones fructuum dicti prioratus ac aliis iuris remediis quibuscunque ad premisorum conseruaciones nos ac successores nostros quoscunque cogat et compellat ad huius autem rei plenam et perfectam securitatem huic scripto indentato sigillum nostrum commune est appositum. Datum in domo nostra capitulari vicesimo septimo die mensis octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexagesimo secundo.' Halesowen: 27 Oct. 1462.

No seal or tag shown.

Richard duke of York, the father of Edward IV, was slain at the battle of Wakefield. Edmund earl of Rutland, Edward IV's younger brother, was slain after the battle; he was styled earl of Rutland, though apparently never so expressly created (*CP*, 1st ed. vi. 463).

EX CARTIS HENRICI ST. GEORGE MILITIS NORROY
REGIS ARMORUM

61

Writ of Henry I informing Ralf bishop of Chichester and all his ministers of Sussex that since the abbot and monks of Battle have proved before him that they do not possess Ovingdean, &c., they are to be quit of the service due therefrom; and commanding that their manor of Alciston shall be free of shires and hundreds and earthly service particularly of work upon London bridge and Pevensey castle. Westbourne. (1100-23, probably 13 Sept. 1114)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 12.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Journ. of British Archaeol. Assoc.* xxix. 257. Abstract in Farrer, *Itin.*, No. 338.

H. rex Angl' . Radulfo episcopo Cicestrensi et omnibus ministris suis de Sudsex' salutem. Sciatis quod sicut abbas de Bello et monachi dirationauerunt coram me quod non habent illas terras quas uos dicebatis eos habere . scilicet Ouingedene . Codingele . Betelesford ⁊ Danigawurde ⁊ Scouueswella . Baresselle . Winenham . Wertesce . Brembreschoc .¹ Seuredeswelle . que antiquitus pertinebant ad Alsistonam et que faciunt septem hidas de quinquaginta hidis que iacent in Alsistona et in suis pertinentiis . sic precipio quod amodo inde liberi sint et quieti . nec aliquis eis inde amplius molestus sit . si sint ab his terris . et his hidis omnino liberi et quieti . sicut de illis quas non habent nec inde saisiti sunt. Precipio etiam regali auctoritate quod manerium illorum quod uocatur Alsistun' quod pater meus ecclesie de Bello cum aliis terris pro anima sua dedit sit ita liberum et quietum a sires et hundrez et omnibus consuetudinibus . terrene seruitutis sicut pater meus ipse illud liberius et quietius tenuit . et nominatim de opere pontis London' . opere castelli de Peuensel . et hoc precipio super forisfacturam meam. Teste . Willélmo de Pontearcha apud Burn'.

Endorsed: Henricus primus de Alsiston' d . . . (13th century.)

SEAL on strip, riband below torn off: probably the fifth seal of Henry I; obv. and rev.; brown; edge of obv. defective. BM 36; and cf. 31

The limits of date have been provided by Mr. Charles Johnson; he regards 13 Sept. 1114 as probably the actual date on the strength of No. 334 of Farrer's *Itin.*

62

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 B 12.

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Charter of Ela, countess of Salisbury, in her widowhood giving to Nicholas Lungspeie her son the manor of Edgware, Middx. (*Egesware*), and whatever may come to her in the village of Cowlinge, Suff. (*Colinges*),

¹ Corrected in original from *Brembresccoc*.

to hold to him and the heirs of his body rendering a sparrowhawk at the feast of St. Peter Ad Vincula (1 Aug.) for all services except the king's service. If Nicholas die without an heir of his body the premises shall revert to the donor or her heirs. Warranty clause. 'Hiis testibus . magistro Galfrido penitenciario Sar' . dominis . Johanne Daco . Henrico de Alunaco . Rogero de Derneford . Philippo de Depeford . Roberto de Holta Thoma clericis . Petro de Salceto . Matheo de la Mare . et aliis.' (1226-36.)

Endorsed: Eggwere (14th century). Suff' (late 15th century).

SEAL on cord: Painted oval, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ in.; green. The countess standing in long dress, with cloak, holding a bird in her left hand; in field on either side a lion rampant looking backwards; + SIGILLVM : ELIE : COMITISSE : SARESBERIE :

COUNTERSEAL: Shield-shaped, c. $2 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ in. Six lions rampant (LONGESPÉE); ✠ SECRETVM . ELIE . COMITISSE : SARESBERIE

BM 6678

Ela, the daughter and heir of William, earl of Salisbury, married William Longespée, illegitimate son of Henry II, who became earl of Salisbury and died in Mar. 1226. In 1238 she became a nun at Lacock abbey which she had founded and of which she was abbess from 1239 to 1257; she died in 1261. Her son Nicholas was treasurer of Salisbury cathedral in 1284 (*Charters &c. of Salisbury Cathedral*, RS, 362), was consecrated bishop of Salisbury 16 Mar. 1292, and died 18 May 1297. The date of this charter must be before Ela's entry into religion and its terms suggest that Nicholas had not yet embraced an ecclesiastical career. For Cowlinge see *Fees*, 391.

63

Charter of Hubert de Burgh, earl of Kent, giving to Philip Basset William Ailwin of Soham, Cambs., with all his issue and his toft; in return for this gift Philip Basset has quitclaimed to Hubert and Margaret his wife Aylsy Nad of Soham with all his issue and his toft. (1235-43)

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hubertus de Burgo comes Kancie . dedi concessi et presenti carta confirmaui Philippo Basset pro homagio et seruicio suo Willelmum Ailwin' de Saham' cum tota sequela sua et cum toto exitu suo et cum tufta sua continente quatuor acras terre cum pertinentiis suis. Habendum et tenendum eidem Philippo et heredibus suis vel cui dare vendere vel assignare voluerit in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum. Pro hac autem donacione dictus Philippus quietum clamauit michi et Margarete uxori mee et heredibus nostris . Aylsy Nad de Soham' cum tota sequela sua et cum omni exitu suo et cum tufta sua continente quatuor acras terre cum pertinentiis suis. Et ego predictus Hubertus comes et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Philippo Basset et heredibus vel assignatis suis predictum Willelmum Aylwin cum tota sequela sua et cum toto exitu suo et cum tufta sua continente quatuor acras terre cum pertinentiis suis. Et ut hec mea donacio rata et stabilis sit in perpetuum presens scriptum sigilli mei inpressione corroboraui. Hiis testibus Thoma Blundo . Radulfo de Cateleg' . Philippo de Pirie . Hugone de Sengham . Reginaldo de Marham . Laurencio de Sancto Albano . Johanne de Dunstapl' . Philippo de Wigehall' . Waltero de Oxehathe . Willelmo de Beccheshore . Johanne de Hales et aliis.

SEAL: on plaited cord: round, 3 in.; grey-green. *Obv.*: equestrian, armour and surcoat, flat-topped helmet, sword, shield, and trappings with Burgh arms; **† SIGILLU' HVBERTI DE BURGO COMITI[S]**
Rev.: shield of arms, lozengy [gules] and vair; **[h]V[BERTV]S : DE : BURGO : COMES : CANCE**

Hubert de Burgh was created earl of Kent on 19 Feb. 1227 and died 12 May 1243. On 9 Mar. 1235 Henry III inspected and confirmed a charter of Hubert giving land in Soham together with a number of tenants and their holdings to Philip Basset, son of Alan Basset (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 195); among the tenants so given is the Aylsy Nad of this charter, which must therefore be a subsequent exchange. This therefore supplies the earlier limit of date. Philip Basset lived until 1271 and the later limit is therefore the death of Hubert.

64

Letters of Eleanor queen of England, lady of Ireland, and duchess of Aquitaine, and Edward her firstborn son indemnifying Spinellus Symonetti, Janucio Beaumondi, Renucio Ardingi, and their fellows, merchants of Florence, from prejudice because the seal of the chancellor is not attached to an instrument in which he, with the queen and her son and others named, acknowledged themselves to be bound to the said merchants in the sum of 1,700 marks sterling. Westminster: 7 June 1262

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 42.

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

.A. dei gratia regina Anglie domina Hybernice et ducissa Aquitanie et Edwardus eius primogenitus universis presentes litteras inspecturis salutem in domino. Licet in quodam instrumento per quod nos una cum religioso viro abbate de Burgo Sancti Petri domini nostri regis thesaurario . dominis .J. Mansell' . thesaurario Ebor' . Philippo Basset justiciario Anglie et Robert Waleram obligati simus quilibet in solidum Spinello Symonetti . Janucio Beaumondi et Renucio Ardingi ac eorum sociis ciuibus et mercatoribus Florentie in mille et septingentis marcis sterlingorum nomen domini Walteri de Merton' . cancellarii predicti domini nostri regis sit insertum non tamen sigillum eius in ipso instrumento appensum nos uolentes indemnitati dictorum mercatorum prospicere et ipsos conseruare omnino indemnos nolumus quod propter defectum sigilli cancellarii dictis mercatoribus in aliquo preiudicium generetur' quominus nos duo specialiter uterque insolidum predictis mercatoribus in dicta summa pecunie teneamur . renunciantes expresse noue constitutioni de duobus vel pluribus reis debendi . iuri de principali et omni alii iuri. In cuius rei testimonium' fecimus has litteras sigillorum nostrorum munimine roborari.¹ Datum apud Westm' vij° idus Junii anno domini M° cc° lx° secundo.

No ancient endorsement.

Two SEALS on tags: (1) pointed oval, c. 4×2 in.; yellow-brown; broken at sides and bottom.² *Obv.*: the queen standing beneath a trefoiled arch, holding a sceptre in right hand; **ALIA[NOR]**
[ANGL]IE. *Rev.*: suspended from a tree of three branches a shield of arms, ENGLAND; **ALI[ANOR]**
 **[AQV]ITANNIE**

¹ *roborauit* BS.

² BM 794 (the queen's second seal), now fragmentary; and cf. Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 57 (plate, No. 3).

(ii) Round, c. 3 in.; yellow-brown; broken at top and sides.¹ *Obv.*: equestrian, sword, shield with arms as on *rev.* [PRIMO]GENITVS . . : HERES . D . . . *Rev.*: shield of arms, ENGLAND, with a label of five points; [F]ILII HENRICI RULVS[TRIS] . . .

The abbot of Peterborough was John de Caux, 'a kinsman of the queen of England; wherefore he was treasurer of King Henry IV and justice itinerant' (Walter de Whitlesey, *Historiæ Anglicanæ Scriptores Variæ*, 129). He became treasurer in 1260. Philip Basset was appointed justiciar in 1261 and Walter of Merton chancellor in the same year. Henry III obtained absolution of his oath to observe the Provisions of Oxford from Pope Alexander in April and May 1261. In Feb. 1262 Pope Urban confirmed Alexander's bulls. The king was attempting to recover his royal authority, lost when the barons revolted in 1258. Both parties were appealing to King Louis IX of France, and Henry III left England for Paris 8 July 1262 (*Annales Monastici*, iii. 218), returning early in the next year. The queen had clearly been helping her son to raise funds to enable him to attend tournaments in France. He was abroad from early in Nov. 1260 to the spring of 1261, and again in July of that year. These letters prove his presence in England in early June 1262. According to the annals of Dunstable (*Annales Monastici*, iii. 216) he took a great company of knights abroad to tourney in 1260 and was soundly beaten, losing all he took with him. The same authority records that in June 1262 he was beaten again and seriously wounded in a tournament abroad (op. cit. 218). For the political situation in these years see F. M. Powicke, *Henry III and the Lord Edward*, ii. 411-30.

Professor T. F. T. Plucknett has very kindly supplied the following note on the law of this document.

'The queen and Edward (who admit that they are the principal debtors) raised a loan from the Florentines, who, however, insisted on five substantial persons joining in the bond. The bond (containing the five additional names) was engrossed, but only four sealed; for reasons unknown Walter of Merton refused.

'It would be natural for the lenders to call upon the would-be borrowers to find a substitute for Walter. The fact that they did not do so seems to show that they had already parted with their money and lost their bargaining power. They took instead the deed here printed, which assumes that the remaining four are still bound, and asserts that the queen and Edward recognise themselves as principal debtors. The merchants seem uncertain of their rights against anyone save the queen and Edward, who then proceed to give the very curious indemnity which is the substance of this document. Since they demanded five sureties in the first place as security for a loan, it is difficult to see how the merchants could benefit from this indemnity by the debtors themselves, in effect, guaranteeing their own debt.

'The "new constitution" is Justinian's Novel 99; Accursius in his gloss on Auth. VII. 11 *cedere* explains that the benefit of this law can be renounced.'

Professor Plucknett adds that he has 'traced the second renunciation of *jus de principali* to Novel 4, a law saying that the creditor cannot sue a surety until after he has sued the principal debtor, which of course takes time'.

65

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 C 8.

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of Robert de Veer, earl of Oxford, giving to Simon de Dounham, clerk, and his heirs and assigns all that land and pasture which the donor has at 'le Westoune' in the village of Kensington, Middx., which is called 'le Groues', as it lies in three crofts between the field called Russecroft and the land which was sometime that of Godfrey of Northbrok; rendering yearly one penny at Michaelmas for all services, &c. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . dominis Ricardo de Such' Johanne de Bellocampo militibus . Johanne de Bouzy . Johanne de Laneham Laurencio de Septem Fontibus . Willelmo le² Juuene de Foulham Radulfo le Frankelein de eadem Lamberto le Faukoner Johanne de Edelmeton' Jermo le lyndraper . Johanne de la Wodetoune . Willelmo le Manser Ricardo de Besthorp' Waltero clerico et aliis.' Kensington, 29 Mar. 1284.

¹ Cf. Sandford, p. 120 (plate), legends imperfect.

² de BS.

Endorsed: Carta de pastura del Groues de comite (14th century) apud le Weston (added later ? 15th century) Kensingtone (15th century) Redditus resolutus i den. (? 15th century).

SEAL on tag: round, c. $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; yellow-brown; much broken. Equestrian, sword, shield, and trappings with VERE arms, mullet omitted on the shield.

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; yellow-brown. Between two boars' heads pointing upward a shield of arms, quarterly a mullet (VERE); ✠ SIGILLVM : SECRETI
BM 6503

66

Notification by William de Forz, count of Aumale, that he will warrant to Geoffrey of Wawne the land and free tenement which he gave him in Hornsea Burton, Yorks., E.R., against certain specified claims, provided that their origin be earlier than his charter of donation, 2 Apr. 1251. (1251-60)

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris uel auditoris Willelmus de Fortibus comes Albemarl' salutem in domino. Noueritis quod si Galfridus de Waghene et heredes vel assignati sui inplacitati fuerint per breue domini regis uel quod ab eis debitum Judaismi exigatur per Judeos uel Christianos de terra et libero tenemento cum pertinentiis in villa et in territorio de Hornesburton' que eidem Galfrido et heredibus uel assignatis suis exceptis viris religiosis per cartam meam contuli inperpetuum de aliquo mutuo vel debito facto antequam dictam terram eidem Galfrido et heredibus vel assignatis suis exceptis viris religiosis per cartam meam dedi scilicet die dominica proxima post octabas Annunciacionis beate Marie anno gracie millesimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo primo. Ego predictus Willelmus comes et heredes mei predictam terram et tenementum cum dictis pertinentiis suis predicto Galfrido et heredibus vel assignatis suis exceptis viris religiosis sicut predictum est . contra omnes homines warantizabimus . adquietabimus et defendemus inperpetuum. In huius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus dominis Anselmo de Sancto Quintino . Simone de Ver . Willelmo constabulario militibus . Henrico de Cesterhunt tunc vicecomite Hold' Ada de Sancto Martino Johanne de Nutill Galfrido Cumbond' et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 3 in.; grey-green; broken. *Obv.*: equestrian, armour and surcoat, square-shaped helmet, sword, shield with FORZ arms; . . . SI[GILLVM]. *Rev.*: shield of arms, a cross patonce vair [FORZ]; legend chipped.

The earlier limit of date is supplied by the instrument itself, the later by the death of the count on 23 May 1260 (*CP*, 2nd ed. i. 355). The witness Henry of Cheshunt was probably sheriff of Holderness about 1251-6 (*Denholm-Young, Seignorial Administration in England*, 48 n.), but it is possible that his shrievalty continued to the count's death (*ibid.* 51 n.).

67

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 B 6

BS FACSIMILE, first 19 words. Indented WAHPRAGORXO

Agreement between Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester and constable of Scotland, and Robert the abbot and the convent of Thame, Oxon., by which the abbot and convent quitclaim to Roger one carucate of

land in Sydenham, Oxon., which they had of the gift of Ralf de Bray, deceased, and which Ralf had of the gift of Roger: for this Roger gives them half the carucate aforesaid with half the meadow and pasture appurtenant, saving the messuage with croft which belonged to the said Ralf de Bray and his grove with its pasture. Roger also gives them a certain messuage with croft situated beside the messuage aforesaid, namely that which they previously held of Roger at farm. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . domino Ernaldo de Bosco . domino Willelmo de Bossco fratre suo . domino Ricardo de Turry . tunc senescallo comitis Ricardi . domino Sahero de Sancto Andrea . domino Euerardo de Trumpinton' . domino Johanne Monacho tunc senescallo comitis Winton' . domino Bartholomeo de Cnapewel'¹. domino Hugone de la Mar' . Ada le Bel Radulfo le Pol . et multis aliis. (1235-7.)

Endorsed: R. de Quincy de terra que fuit Radulfi de Bray (13th century.)

SEAL on tag: *obv.* and *rev.*; grey-green; same as to No. 418 (q.v.); much broken, legends imperfect.

Roger de Quincy did not assume the title of earl of Winchester until the death of his mother in 1235-6. But this agreement cannot be later than 1237, when Thame abbey is returned as holding half a carucate in Sydenham of the gift of Ralf de Bray (*Fees*, 613). Sydenham and Chinnor had been held by Walter de Vernon, a Norman, who lost them when the lands of the Normans were taken into the king's hand; subsequently the king gave them to Saher de Quincy, Roger's father (*ibid.*; *RB* 798; *Hundred Rolls*, ii. 783).

68

Charter of William Walensis giving to Aubrey (de Vere), earl (of Oxford), the land of 'Manehache' from the 'maritagium' of his wife Juliana of the fee of Burgate, Suff. (Late 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Willemus Walensis omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis omnes quod ego dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui comiti Alberico terram de Manehache de maritagio Juliane uxoris mee de feudo de Burgate ei & heredibus suis tenendam de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete per unum denarium de seruicio reddendum per annum mihi et heredibus meis pro omnibus seruiciis. Et pro hac donacione et concessione & carte mee confirmacione dedit mihi predictus comes Albericus xx solidos . de kersame. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut predictus comes Albericus hanc predictam terram habeat et teneat ipse et heredes sui de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et honorifice per seruicium prenotatum in hac carta pro omnibus seruiciis. Et hanc terram predictam debeo ego et heredes mei warantizare comiti Alberico et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas . vel escambium dare ad valenciam illius terre. Hiis testibus . Rogero filio Roberti . Roberto de Campania Pagano de Lond' Roberto Britone Godefrido de Lauenham Reimundo de Sancto Edmundo Radulfo de Liuremere . Gileberto de Lauenham Johanne filio Hay . Petro armigero . Roberto de Cantelu . Willelmo filio Odonis . Helya capellano Willelmo clerico . Willelmo filio Pagani . Miccael' clerico;

Fragment of SEAL on tag; light brown. A man standing, holding a wand in either hand crossed.

William Walensis occurs in Suffolk in 1190 (*PR 2 Ric. I*, 97). The form of address and the *Quare volo* clause combined with a warranty against all men and women suggests a date not far removed from 1200.

¹ Euapewell' BS.

69

*Charter of Hamelin earl Warenne granting to St. Catherine's hospital, Lincoln,
a right of way to his pasture on Hatfield moor and pasture rights thereon.
(1189-1202)*

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 14.

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

PRINTED in part: Watson, *Memoirs of the Ancient Earls of Warren and Surrey*, 1782, i. 162 (from the original in the hands of Thomas Astle, F.S.A.).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hamelinus comes Warenn' assensu et uoluntate Isabelle comitisse Waren' uxoris mée et Willelmi de Waren' filii et heredis nostri intuitu caritatis et pro salute anime mee . et pro anima domini Henrici regis Anglie . et pro anima comitis .G. Andeg' . patris mei . et pro animabus comitum et comitissarum Andegau' . et comitum et comitissarum Cenomanens' . et pro animabus comitum et comitissarum War¹ . qui decesserunt . et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et canonicis et fratribus et pauperibus hospitalis sancte Katerine Lincolnie . quod habeant liberum ingressum et regressum per calcetam meam que uocatur Cubrige quadraginta aueriis suis usque in pasturam meam que est in mora mea uersus Thorn . inter Hutholmes de Glunes et Thorn et inter dictam Cubrige et fossetum quod uadit de Lindholm usque in aquam de Thorn . Et ut habeant pasturam quadraginta aueriis suis in predicta pastura . inter aueria hominum meorum de Heitfeld² . quorum communia est . Et dicti canonici non debent habere aliquid in boscis nec in aquis . nec in pasturis nec in mariscis meis preter pasturam quadraginta aueriis illorum quam illis in nominata pastura caritatiue concessi . Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmatio rata et stabilis et inconcussa imperpetuum permaneat . sigilli mei appositione cartam istam corroboraui . Et dicti canonici concesserunt mihi pro salute anime mée . et pro anima Henrici regis Angl' . et pro anima .G. comitis Andegau' patris mei . et pro animabus comitum et comitissarum Andegau' . et comitum et comitissarum Cenomanensium . et pro animabus comitum et comitissarum Waren' qui decesserunt . et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum habere duos lectos infirmitorio hospitalis Lincolnie . et tres centum missas primo anno huius donationis . et mille psalteria . et participem me fecerunt de omnibus beneficiis que fiunt in toto ordine de Semplingham . Et de aliis beneficiis sicut carta illorum quam ab illis habeo testatur . Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Liuet' tunc senescallo . Thoma de Horebir' . Reginaldo filio Elie . Waltero de Daneuell' tunc constabulario Anselmo de Néélet' . Anselmo de Glanuill' Henrico capellano Henrico de Marisco Pagano Marario . Rogero Walur . Ricardo ostur . Hamone . Willelmo . Johanne clericis meis . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 3¼ in.; green; badly broken. Equestrian, shield with spiked boss; ornamental saddle with fringe. **GIU** **NI** . **C**

¹ Warr' BS.

² Heytfeld BS.

COUNTERSEAL:¹ oval, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{13}{16}$ in.; green. A gem, a head to the sinister. UEC . . . ACnC . . .

Both this charter and No. 104 are now in the Harleian collection, sold to the nation in 1753 by the widow of the second earl of Oxford and Mortimer (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 267–8 n.). It is difficult to see how they can have still been in the possession of Thomas Astle when they were used by Watson, *op. cit.* Both charters are concerned with the rights of pasture on Hatfield Moor near Hatfield Chase, Yorks., W.R.; a general account of the locality will be found in Hunter's *South Yorkshire, Deanery of Doncaster*, i. 150 et seq., and in J. Tomlinson's *Level of Hatfield Chase*. Lindholme stands in the middle of the moor and is a piece of arable land about 60 acres in extent raised above the general level (Hunter, *op. cit.* i. 196). Thorne lies to the north of the moor and the river Thorne to the south. The memory of 'Hutholmes de Clunes' or 'Glunes' seems to be preserved, shown to the west of Lindholme on Hatfield Moor (map facing p. 83 in Tomlinson, *op. cit.*). Cowbridge-end is mentioned among the boundaries of the Chase in an inquest of 1607 (Tomlinson, *op. cit.* 62), but does not now appear upon the map. The grantor was a natural son of Geoffrey, count of Anjou, and the second husband of Isabel, the Warenne heiress. The reference to the counts of Maine is due to the fact that Count Geoffrey's mother, Erenburgis, was a daughter of Helias de la Flèche, count of Maine. Since Henry II is mentioned as dead the charter cannot be earlier than 1189, and the grantor died 7 May 1202. The date is probably late in this period, for William de Livet as steward and Thomas of Horbury witness together a charter for Lewes priory c. 1198 (*Yorks. Arch. Journ.* xxxi. 312).

70

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 E 28.

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Charter of William de Warenne, earl of Surrey, confirming to William Briwerre all the land which is of his (*meo*) fee in Stoke Bruerne, Shutlanger, and Alderton, Northants., to hold to him and his heirs by the service of one knight. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Huberto de Burgo tunc Justic' Anglie . domino Willelmo Lungespe . comite Sar' . domino Giliberto de Aquila . Radulfo de Normanuill' . Ada de Kaly . Willelmo de Albo Monasterio . Willelmo de Mara . Elya de Mareuill' . Willelmo de Percy . Radulfo Gernun . Wymundo de Ralegh . Roberto de Blacford . Roberto de Mara . et multis aliis.' (1215–27.)

Endorsed: Carta comitis Warenne de Stok'. In registro. (14th century.)

SEAL on plaited cord:² round, c. $3\frac{1}{4}$ in.; yellow-brown. *Obv.*: equestrian, armour and surcoat, flat-topped helmet, sword, shield with WARENNE arms; . . SIGI[LLVM] [WARE]NNIA C[OMIT]IS
Rev.: shield of arms curved top and sides, checky [WARENNE]; I : COMI[TIS]

Hubert de Burgh became justiciar in June 1215 and was created earl of Kent on 19 Feb. 1227; as he is not described as earl this charter must lie between those dates.

71

Charter of Roger de Lacy, constable of Chester, giving to Stanlawe abbey all the land of Marland in Rochdale, Lancs., which he purchased of Alan of Marland.
 (circa 1207–11)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 52 H 43a.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Coucher Book of Whalley Abbey* (Chetham Soc. xi), ii. 591, from the cartulary.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Rogerus de Lasci constabularius Cestrie dedi et concessi . et hac presenti carta confirmaui deo et beate Marie et abbati et monachis meis loci Benedicti de Stanl' totam terram de Merlande quam emi de

¹ Haigneré, *Les Chartes de Saint-Bertin*, i, No. 325, apparently the same counterseal from an original, gives the legend

AS PER LEGEM ET PRO LEGE.

² BM 6524; none of the legends now remains.

Alano de Merlande cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in bosco . in plano . in uiiis . in semitis . in pratis . in pascuis . et pasturis . in aquis . in molendinis . in stagnis . in uiuariis . et in omnibus locis . et aisiamentis que ibi sunt uel fieri possunt . tenendam et habendam libere et quiete de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum . reddendo annuatim mihi et heredibus meis quadraginta denarios argenti ad festum sancti Martini . scilicet firmam ipsam quam idem ego Rogerus de Laschi et heredes mei reddituri sumus Hugoni de Elande . saluo forensi seruitio predictae terre de Merlande adiacente. Et ut hec donatio firma sit et inconcussa . sigillo meo eam roborauit. Hiis testibus . Hugone . et Gaufrido de Duttona . Willelmo de Lumwil¹ . Willelmo de Beumunt . Thoma Dispensario . Baldwinio de Fossa . Colino de Quatremares . Thoma de Reinewil' . magistro Rogero clerico domini . Willelmo de Bauil² . Michaelae de Rech' . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: carta R. de Laschy. (13th century.)

De Merlande. (13th century.)

SEAL on tag:³ round, 2½ in.; red. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, quarterly and a bend surmounted by a label of seven points; ✠ SIGILLU' [RO]GERI DE L[ASCHI] BV H(sic)ESTRIE

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1½ in. An interlaced ornament; ✠ SIGILLU' . ROGERI DE . L[ASCHI] CONSTAEBVI (sic)⁴ CESTR; the letters N and S of the penultimate word reversed.

Stanlawe abbey, founded by the donor's father, John de Lacy, constable of Chester, was moved to Whalley at the end of the 13th century. Alan of Marland's charter to Roger de Lacy is entered in the Coucher Book immediately before the present charter; it is witnessed by Philip of Orby as justice of Chester, an office which he acquired before Oct. 1208 (*Cartulary of Chester Abbey*, Chetham Soc, i, p. v) and possibly before 13 Nov. 1207 (*ibid.* ii, p. xxix). The later limit of date is supplied by the donor's death in 1211. The witnesses to this charter should be compared with those to one of Roger for Kirkstall abbey (*EYC* iii. 212 n.). Hugh of Elland, who here appears as Roger's overlord for Marland, was himself a Lacy tenant in respect of Elland (Yorks., W.R.); presumably Alan of Marland had been Hugh's tenant before he sold the land to Roger. An account of the Elland family will be found in *Yorks. Arch. Journ.* xxvii. 225-48, with a pedigree.

72

Charter of Robert de Vere, earl of Oxford, giving to Geoffrey de Capeles all the land which William 'grossus' held of him in Preston, Suff. (1214-21)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 C 4.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Robertus de Ver comes Oxon' omnibus presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Galfrido de Capeles pro humagio et seruicio suo totam terram quam Willelmus grossus tenuit de me in villa de Prestune cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . tenendam de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis libere et quiete in feudo et hereditate . per seruicium dimidii militis pro omnibus seruiciis et exactionibus . salua warda castri de Norewiz capitali domino

¹ *Lunguillers*, Coucher Book.

² *Rauil* BS. *Dauil*, Coucher Book.

³ BM 11198 and vol. iii, pl. i.

⁴ *recte* CONSTAEBVU'.

facienda. Et ego predictus Robertus de Ver . comes Oxon' et heredes mei warrantizabimus predicto Galfrido de Capell' et heredibus suis predictam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis per predictum seruicium contra omnes homines et omnes feminas. Hiis testibus Simone de Cantelo . Willelmo Carbunel Petro Tresgoz . Engelar' de Cantel' Waltero de Handlege . Waltero de Capelles Stephano de Oxecroft . Roberto de Bloy . Willelmo filio Ailtrop' Gileberto de Meleford' . Willelmo de Kertling' . et multis aliis.

No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag:¹ round, c. 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms curved top and sides, quarterly, legend chipped.

The donor is the third earl and the limits of date are the death of his brother Aubrey the second earl in 1214, before October, and his own death on or before 25 Oct. 1221. The chief lord of the fee was the abbot of Bury St. Edmunds: in 1227 Geoffrey de Capella brought an assize of novel disseisin against Hawise, widow of Aubrey de Preston, in respect of this land, when Hawise pleaded that she had been adjudged seisin by the court of St. Edmunds in which Geoffrey had vouched to warranty Hugh de Vere, the donor's successor (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 1916).

73

Charter of Walter de Ver, son of Adam of Goxhill, confirming the gift of the church of Goxhill in Lindsey, Lincs., which his grandfather, Robert son of Erneis, made to Bridlington priory, and releasing any interest in the said church which either Robert his grandfather or Adam his father may have reserved to themselves or been granted by the priory. (1205-13)

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Abstract: *Bridlington Chartulary*, ed. Lancaster, 347.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus Walterus de Ver filius Ade de Gousle salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me ratam habuisse et concessisse et presentis scripti testimonio confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Brellington' et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam sine ullo retinemento mihi uel heredibus meis donationem quam Robertus filius Ernisii auus meus fecit eisdem canonicis de ecclesia de Gousle in Lindesei. Et si predictus Robertus auus meus uel Adam pater meus uel aliquis antecessorum meorum unquam habuisset aliquod scriptum uel aliquam concessionem sibi factam de predictis canonicis de aliquo iure sibi uel heredibus suis in prefata ecclesia de Gousle habendo uel retinendo : quietam eis omnino de me et de omnibus² meis et de omnibus clericis et laicis in perpetuum remitto. Juraui etiam coram domino Ricardo abbate de Selebi et coram domino Jordano abbate de Thorenton' in capitulo de Brellington' quod hanc concessionem et confirmationem quam feci eis fideliter et sine dolo in omnibus obseruabo. Hiis testibus . domino Ricardo abbate de Selebi . domino Jordano abbate de Thorent' . magistro Gerardo de Hoiland' . magistro Johanne . Nicholao de Chauecurt . Waltero de Hoton' Nigello

¹ Now missing on original.

² *Sic.*

Alemanno . Alano Wambers¹ et Willelmo fratre eius . Willelmo de Lekeburn' . Ernaldo de Marton' . Luca Siluer . Roberto de Waltham Henrico de Gisseburn' Gaufrido marascallo prioris.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{7}{16}$ in.; yellow-brown. A boar statant to the sinister; ✠ **SIGILLUM WALTERI DE VER**

The charter of Robert, son of Erneis, giving the church of Goxhill to the priory is printed by Farrer (*EYC*, iii, No. 1341) and is really a confirmation. Notes on the family will be found in Farrer (*loc. cit.*) and in *Registrum Antiquissimum*, LRS, ii. 212. In Aug. 1203 Walter de Ver, the grantor, was under age (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iii. 64), and was apparently still a minor in 1205 (Farrer, *op. cit.* iii. 61). Walter was living in 1212 (*Fees*, 159), but was dead by Michaelmas 1213 when Sybil his widow was suing for dower (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vii. 5). She married as her second husband Nicholas de Chavencurt, a witness to this charter. Nicholas and Sybil recovered her dower against the abbot of Thornton Curtis before justices itinerant in 1218–19. The case was adjourned from Lincoln and judgment in the plaintiffs' favour was given at Nottingham in Mar. 1219 (*Rolls of the Justices in Eyre for Lincolnshire, 1218–19*, Selden Soc. 53, case 705). Walter de Ver's heir, Simon, was then a minor in custody of the bishop of Lincoln.

74

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 E 39.

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words. Indented.

Charter of Elizabeth de Burgh, lady of Clare, giving to Anglesey priory, Cambs. (*Angleseye*), pursuant to a licence contained in letters patent of King Edward III, 3 messuages, 3 tofts, 1 mill, 57 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 34 *solidatae* of rent in Great and Little Walsingham, Norf.: to provide a suitable secular chaplain to celebrate divine service in perpetuity in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin newly constructed by her within the priory; and to pay to the sacrist 40 shillings yearly in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas for the purpose of maintaining the light of the chapel, and providing and maintaining vestments and ornaments in the chapel as she originally provided. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Rogero Herui Willelmo de Manneby . Johanne de Hertford' Henrico de Honyden' . Henrico Power . Eustacio le skinnere Roberto mareschal . Johanne de Aspale et aliis.' Bardfield, Ess. (*Berdefeld*): 19 Nov. 1335.

Endorsed: Walsyngham (15th century).

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. Within a square traceried panel a shield of arms, barry wavy and a bend [DAMORY], between 3 leopards. On each side of the square is a lobe containing a roundel of arms; at top, a cross and a label [BURGH], at base, a fret [VERDON], and on each side three chevrons [CLARE]. Between these lobes are others each containing a trefoil panel in which are alternately a castle and a lion [CASTILE and LEON]. No legend.

BM 7937; and cf. 7934

For Elizabeth de Burgh, sister and coheir of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, and foundress of Clare College, Cambridge, see *CP*, 2nd ed. iii. 245.

75

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words. French:

Notification by William Criketot, knight, addressed generally, that he has received from Thomas de Bradeston the sum of 10 marks due on a bond and that the said Thomas, his heirs and executors are quit. Westminster: 15 June 1344.

¹ *Sic for Wambeis.*

SEAL on strip: round, 1 in.; red. On a reticulated background a shield of arms, lozengy; ★ **SIGILLVM** ★ **WILLELMI** ★ **CRIBETOT**

For Thomas de Bradeston, see *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 273.

76

Charter of Amaury de Montfort, earl of Gloucester, confirming to Bruern abbey, Oxon., the land in Eastleach Turville, Gloucs., which William the chamberlain gave. (1200–13)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 C 28.

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Amauricus comes Gloucestr' salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et monachis de Bruer' terram illam in Estlech que est de feudo meo quam Willelmus camerarius illis dedit et carta sua confirmauit . tenendam in perpetuum sicut carta ipsius Willelmi camerarii quam eisdem monachis super eadem terra dedit testatur. Et ne a successoribus nostris inde aliquo modo uexentur ⁊ presenti pagina sigillo meo munita donationem prefatam Willelmi cam[erarii robo]raui. Hiis testibus . domino *Ricardo* abbate de Cirincestr' . Roberto persona ecclesie de Lech' . Roberto de Euerc . . . ma¹ de la Mare. Willelmo de Fifhida . Ricardo de Lech . Simone de Suelle . Roberto de Slouc. . [Mar]tino¹ de Berdesl' . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Estleche Amaric' com' Gloc'. (Contemporary.)

Confirmatio. (Late 13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, 2¾ in.; green. Shield of arms curved top and sides, bendy; . . [SIG]ILLVM ALMARIC[I] [GLOVE]RNI[E]

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1½ in. Same shield of arms; ✠ **SECRETVM** **A** . **COMITIS** . **GLOVERNIE**

The complicated dealings with the earldom of Gloucester at this period are treated at length in *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 689–93. Amaury was the son of Amaury de Montfort, count of Evreux, of the elder line of the family of Montfort-l'Amaury (*ibid.* vii. 716 *n.*) and Mabel eldest daughter and coheir of William, earl of Gloucester. John ceded to Philip II of France Amaury's *comté* of Evreux, giving to Amaury in exchange the earldom of Gloucester. Early in June 1200 he wrote from Caen to Geoffrey fitzPeter, earl of Essex and Justiciar, informing him that he had given to Amaury 'the third penny of the county of Gloucester as all who were earls of Gloucester have had it and girt him with the sword and made him earl thereof' (*Pipe Roll. Soc.* xxi, N.S. 89). As from Easter Amaury received the third penny (*PR 2 John*, 119). By a charter dated at Le Goulet in May 1200 John quitclaimed Evreux to Philip (J. J. Vernier, *Facsimilés des Chartes normandes*, Soc. Hist. Norm., No. 16); in which charter Amaury is described as earl of Gloucester, but uses his equestrian seal as count of Evreux. He died shortly before 1213.

By a charter dated at Oxford 29 Mar. 1205 King John confirmed to the abbey this gift of William the chamberlain's among others (*Mon.* v. 497). The limits of date of the present charter are those of Amaury's tenure of the earldom, but in view of the king's confirmation it probably belongs to the earlier part of it. A number of charters of a William the chamberlain for Margam abbey are printed in Clark, *Cartae de Glamorgania*, 2nd ed. iii. 890–3; he may be identical with the present donor.

¹ The end of Robert's surname and the beginning of the next name were already illegible when BS was made.

77

Charter of William son of William son of John of Harptree, with the consent of Maud his wife, Thomas his son and heir, and Eva his son's wife, granting to Bruern abbey, Oxon., land at Priddy and pasture at Priddy, Harptree, and Hydon Grange in Harptree, Som. (circa 1190)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 51 E 29.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

PRINTED with facsimile in Warner and Ellis, *BM Facsimiles*, No. 72.

SEAL: round, c. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green; much broken; legend chipped. Shield of arms lozenge-shaped, a cross flory.

78

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 F 24.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Charter of John de Bachepuis giving to Nicholas his son one virgate of land in Allextun, Leics. (*Alakeston*), which Simon held of Robert de Bachepuis, the donor's brother; to hold to him and his heirs and to whom he should wish to assign it except men of religion, rendering 3 pence at Christmas for all service except forinsec service; and granting, further, common of pasture in the meadows and feedings and in all places belonging to the said village. If the donor and his heirs shall wish to assart part of his wood of Allextun they may do so without hindrance of Nicholas, his heirs or assigns. Warranty and sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus. Waltero de Estweit . Roberto de Dum' . Radulfo de Bakepuz . Johanne de Henouere . Petro de Bakepuz . Henrico de Bakepuz . Ricardo filio Gileberti . Henrico clerico de Barton' Philippo de Barton' . et multis aliis.' (13th century; before 1259.)

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, a lion rampant; ✠ 21 LLVM IO INI
BM 7075

The earlier history of Allextun will be found under No. 146; the present donor was a descendant of the John de Bachepuis the donee of No. 146. During the early part of the 13th century and in 1226 the patron of the church of Allextun was a John de Bachepuis (*Rot. Hug. de Welles*, LRS, i. 258; ii. 301) and in 1235-6 John de Bachepuis held one fee there (*Fees*, 519), but in 1259 Peter de Bachepuis presented (*Rot. Ric. Gravesend*, LRS, 138). Nichols (iii. 5) cites a charter, *penes S. Roper*, by which John de Bachepuis gave his son Nicholas a virgate and a half in Allextun; that must be a different charter from this.

79

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 56 G 7.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of John de Sumeri, son of Alan de Sumeri, giving to Adam de Wrobbeley half a virgate of land which Peter 'Luneto' once held in the village of Shenley, Herts. (*Senesle*), to hold to himself and his heirs and to whomsoever he may wish to give, bequeath, or assign it except men of religion, rendering yearly 2 shillings, namely, on each of the feasts of St. Andrew, St. Mary in March, St. John Baptist, and St. Michael 6 pence, for all services, &c., except such service due to the king as pertains to half a virgate in the said village. Warranty clause. For this, Adam gave John half a mark of silver *in gersumam*. 'Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Husseburne tunc senescallo . Willelmo de Sisseuerne . Thoma de Wauz Rogero de

Heywude . Simone de Titeburste . Johanne de Sausintune . Waltero de Faleise . Rogero de Colne . Roberto Kitewilde . Nigello filio sacerdotis . Adam de la Neuelande . Johanne de Heywude . Rogero de la Roche . et multis aliis.' (Early Henry III.)

No ancient endorsement.

SEAL on tag:¹ round, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, a peacock; ✠ SIGILLUM : IOHANNIS . DE . SOMERI : See Plate III.

Three branches of the family of Somery seem to have been holding land in Shenley at the beginning of the 13th century: (1) Roger de Somery (d. 1190), who was succeeded by his brother Miles (see No. 158 below); (2) Alan de Somery, who was succeeded by his son John, the present donor; (3) Elias de Somery, succeeded by his son Adam (*Mon.* vi. 295), which Adam was the donor of No. 422 below and had a son Hugh (*PRO*, *Ancient Deed* A 1061). At Michaelmas 1208 the donor's father Alan was living (*Ancient Deed* A 1020), while Adam of Rabley had been succeeded by his son Thomas before 1234 (*Ancient Deed* A 961). The present charter seems to belong to the early years of Henry III.

80

Charter of Geoffrey Tregoz giving Roger son of Walter of Blunt's Hall in Witham, Ess., to Fulk Basset, bishop of London. (1244-59)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 A 40.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus Tregoz miles . dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . venerabili patri domino Fulconi London' episcopo Rogerum filium Walteri de Blunteshal' . seruum et natiuum meum. Et ut hec mea donatio . concessio et presentis carte mee confirmatio firmitatis robur optineant presens scriptum sigilli mei impressione roborau.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, two gemel bars and in chief a lion passant; ✠ SIGILLVM : SECRETI. BM 13975

In 1232-3 Geoffrey Tregoz was returned as holding 6 knights' fees in Billingford, Norf., and Blunt's Hall, Ess., of the honor of Hatfield Peverel (*Fees*, 1464). Fulk Basset was consecrated bishop of London 9 Oct. 1244, and died 20 May 1259.

81

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 I 49.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words. Indented.

Charter of Reginald de Beville (*Buyle*), knight, giving to Laurence son of Ralf de Beville (*Buyle*) the whole manor of Drannock, Cornw. (*Draynek*), with all its appurtenances and with the homages and services of the free tenants and with all the *natiui* and their goods and issue (*sequelis*). To hold of the donor to Laurence and his heirs lawfully begotten of his flesh by the service of 20 marks payable yearly to the donor and after his death by the service of a rose, doing the service due to the chief lords of the fee. If Laurence should die without such heir lawfully begotten the premises shall revert to the donor and his heirs. Sealing

¹ BM 13779; less of the legend now remains.

clause. 'Hiis testibus . dominis Michaelle le Petit . Johanne de Treiagou¹ . militibus . Johanne Reynward . Johanne de Reskemere . Johanne de Tremblethou² . et aliis.' Launceston (*Lansaueton*): 29 Jan. 1308.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag:³ round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; tinted brown, broken on dexter side. Shield of arms, an ox statant guardant;
S' REGIN[Æ]LDI

The chief lord of the fee was the earl of Gloucester, who in 1306 held a quarter of a knight's fee in Drannock in Gwinear of the king in chief (*FA* i. 203).

82

Charter of John, count of Mortain, granting to Richard son of Reiner of London all his soke in London which pertains to the honor of Peverel of Nottingham. Canterbury. (Aug. 1189-90)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 32.

BS FACSIMILE.

Johannes comes Moret' omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Ricardo filio Reineri de London' totam socam meam in London' que pertinet ad honorem qui fuit Willelmi Peuerelli de Notingham cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis tenendam ei et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis per seruicium unius paris cirotecarum furratarum de grisio et uno tabur michi singulis annis reddendorum apud London' infra xv dies proximos post festum sancti Michaelis pro omnibus seruiciis et consuetudinibus. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio ut idem Ricardus filius Reineri et heredes sui post ipsum eandem socham teneant et habeant de me et heredibus meis per predictum seruicium plenarie et integre honorifice et pacifice libere et quiete cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Testibus . Stephano Ridel cancellario meo . Roberto de Bretoil . Hugone de Malalnoi . magistro Alardo . Roberto Ruffo . magistro Petro de Littelberia apud Cantuariam.

Endorsed: Carta Joh' com' Mort'. viij. (*Late 13th century.*)

SEAL on cord:⁴ round, c. 3 in.; green. Equestrian, armour and surcoat, round-topped helmet, sword, shield charged with two leopards; ✠ **SIGILL[VM] : IOHANNIS : FILII : REGIS : ANGLIE :**
D[O]M[INI] : HIB[ERNIE]

COUNTERSEAL: oval, $1\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. A gem, a head and shoulders to the sinister; ✠ **SECRETVM**
[IOH]ANNIS

For the soke of Peverel of Nottingham in London see W. Page, *London*, 149. Richard son of Reiner was sheriff of London 1187-9; he was living at Michaelmas 1190 (*PR* 2 *Ric.* I, 156) but dead at Michaelmas 1191 (*PR* 3 *Ric.* I, 135). For an account of the family see Page, op. cit. 244-8; John owed money to the family, and this grant was doubtless in part payment. John was invested with the county of Mortain at Rouen on 20 July 1189 and returned to England in August following. The witness Robert de Breteuil, otherwise fitzParnell, was the eldest surviving son of Robert, earl of Leicester. The earl died on crusade on 1 Sept. 1190, whereafter Robert left England and was girt with the sword as earl by Richard I at

¹ Treiagon BS.

² Trembethon BS.

³ Tag only on original document.

⁴ BM 6326; now less perfect.

Messina on 1 Feb. 1191. It is perhaps worth noting that the present-day local pronunciation of Breteuil conforms very closely to the 12th-century spelling in this charter.

83

Confirmation by Richard de Clare, earl of Hertford, of an agreement between Michael de Wahull and Boxley abbey respecting the pasture of Roydon, in Nettlestead, Kent. (1184–1217)

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus de Clara comes de Hereford . omnibus bailiuis et hominibus suis salutem. Volo et precipio ut conuentio quam fecit Michaelis de Wahelle cum monachis de Boxleya super pastura de Reddenne et eius pertinenciis firmiter et inconcusse teneatur iuxta formam et tenorem carte eiusdem Michaelis quam prefati monachi habent . de confirmatione predictae pasture. His testibus . Radulfo de Penecestre et Ricardo de Clara . et Nicole capellano . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: octagonal, 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; brown. Equestrian, armour and surcoat, pointed helmet, sword, shield charged with three chevrons [CLARE], horse walking. ✠ SIGILLVM RICARDI CLARE ER TFORDIE ✠ See Plate III.

For the Wahull family see *HKFi*. 61 et seq. Michael, third son of Walter de Wahull, seems to have acquired an interest in Nettlestead by marriage (*ibid.* 263), which in 1224 had passed to his son Simon (*ibid.*). It was held of the honor of Gloucester (*Fees* 664). The grantor, Richard de Clare, earl of Hertford, married Amicia daughter and coheir of William, earl of Gloucester (d. 23 Nov. 1183), and Nettlestead must have been included in her purparty. This charter, therefore, cannot be earlier than 1184 nor later than 1217 when the grantor died.

84

Charter of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Hertford, confirming the sale of the manor of Langham, Ess., by Hugh Tirel to Gervase of Cornhill. Gervase is to hold the manor of Hugh by the service of a silver cup of 3 marks' weight to be delivered annually in London on demand. Gervase gave the earl a silver cup for his warranty. (1146–8)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRO, DL 27–47, a duplicate charter (sealed) with slight variants. This charter has 11 lines, whereas BS has 8 lines. Slight variants of spelling and contraction are not noted in the footnotes below.

Comes Gillebertus de Clara omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse firmiter illam conuentionem et uenditam quam Hugo Tirell' fecit Geruasio de Chorhella de manerio suo de Laingheham quod mouet de feodo meo . sicut ipse predictus Hugo Tirell' melius et liberius et honorabilius tenuit. Sciendum enim est quod Geruasius de Corhella heredesque sui debent id manerium supra commemoratum tenere solum quietum et deliberum de omnibus seruiciis¹ reddendo inde

¹ *finaliter* inserted DL 27–47.

per annum Hugoni Tirell' aut heredibus suis unam cuppam argenti . de pondere trium marcarum et hec cuppa predicta debet illi reddi Londoniis quando illuc exigitur ab Geruasio uel a suis per Hugonem uel per heredes suos aut per preceptum eorum. Preterea sciendum est quod Geruasius de Chorchella mihi pro hoc guarhanto faciendo quandam cuppam argenti. Testes comes Gillebertus de Penbr' Willelmus de Dam-martin Hamo Peccat' Albericus¹ de Capella Rogerus de Clincamp Radulfus Walensis² Philippus de Hum' Rogerus de Wanci . Willelmus de Berchamsted' Talebod de Neweham.³

SEAL on strip, cut not quite half-way across document, riband above: round, c. $3\frac{1}{4}$ in.; brown. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield charged chevronny [CLARE]; ✠ [SIGILLUM DO[M]NI[TI[S] ... & ... ORDIE

Possibly the artist's need to get this charter into a small space induced him to suggest that the strip for seal and the riband were cut less far across the document than they were in reality.

This charter and No. 105, the later and fuller confirmation by Roger, the second earl, must be read together in the light of Round's article on 'Walter Tirel and his Wife' (*Feudal England*, 468-79), in which he treats at length of the alienation of Langham to Gervase of Cornhill by Hugh Tirel, the son and heir of that Walter Tirel who labours under the suspicion of having caused the death of William Rufus. Round describes a confirmatory charter of Earl Gilbert, then PRO Duchy of Lancaster; Grants in boxes, A 157. It is now DL 27-47, and the collation given above shows it to be for all practical purposes a duplicate of the present charter. It should be noted that both charters are sealed. We know from a letter of Louis VII of France to Odo, bishop of Beauvais, that Hugh Tirel went on crusade in 1147 (*Rec. des Hist. de France*, xvi. 10), and charter No. 105 below shows that the object of the sale of Langham was to provide the necessary money. That sale and consequently this charter cannot well be earlier than 1146; on the other hand, the first witness Gilbert, earl of Pembroke, died in 1148. For the Cornhill family see Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 304-12.

85

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 B 40.

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Baldwin, count of Guisnes (*Ghisnes*), giving the whole manor of Tolleshunt, Ess. (*Toleshonte*), to his brother Robert de Guisnes, knight, to hold to him and his heirs freely except for the king's service, so that Robert may give, assign, sell, pledge, or bequeath the manor to whom he will. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Gilleberto Mariscallo comite . domino Radulpho filio Nicholai . domino Rogero Bigot comite . Gilleberto Basset . Philippo fratre eiusdem . et domino Stephano Longespee . et multis aliis.' June 1240.

Endorsed: Tolleshunte (14th century).

The seal is now missing from the original.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 3 in.; brown; much broken. Equestrian, shield charged vairy; INI : &

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in. Triangular shield of arms, vairy. ✠ [COM]ITIS : GUISNENSIS

A seal apparently identical with this is engraved in A. Duchesne, *Hist. de la Maison de Gand et de Guines*: 'Preuves', p. 282.

Baldwin III, count of Guisnes, was the son of Count Arnold II and died towards the end of 1244; in his will he mentions his brother Robert (A. Duchesne, *Hist. de la Maison de Gand et de Guines*, 163, 169:

¹ Abri' DL 27-47.

² Rogero de Montechansi inserted DL 27-47.

³ Endorsed: 'Laingeham'. 'Car' Comitib' Gileb' de Clare de Leynham' DL 27-47.

'Preuves', 283). There also exists a charter dated Oct. 1241 by which Count Baldwin gave the manor of Little Holland, Ess., to his brother Robert (PRO, *Ancient Deed* A 505). For the subsequent devolution of these two manors see No. 135 below.

86

Charter of Conan, duke of Brittany and earl of Richmond, granting to Torfin son of Robert the whole fee of 2 knights, namely, Manfield, Yorks., N.R. (circa 1156-66)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 48 G 43.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED with facsimile in Warner and Ellis, *BM Facsimiles*, No. 33.

SEAL: red; fragment of equestrian seal, *obv.* and *rev.*, on cord.

87

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of John de Cherleton', lord of Powis, giving to Edmund Banastr' a third part of the manor of Sheinton, Salop (*Sheynton*'), and the advowson of the third part of the church, to hold to Edmund, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the service therefore due and lawfully accustomed. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo Banastr' de Hodmale Willelmo Banastr' de Morton' Johanne Lestrangle de Leighton' . Ricardo de Brewyk et aliis'. Sheinton: 5 Nov. 1368.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red. On a reticulated background a shield of arms, a lion rampant; * *Sigillu . Johis : de : Cherletone : dni : Powisie*

For the donor, who was feudal lord of Powis, see *CP*, 2nd ed. iii. 161. The manor of Sheinton was a member of the honor of Mortimer of Wigmore and had long been held by a family which took its name from it (Eyton, *Antiq. of Shropshire*, vi. 214 et seq.). The last of them, William of Sheinton, clerk, had died on 20 Dec. 1366 seized of the undivided manor and leaving the representatives of his three sisters as his coheirs (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* xii, No. 168). Neither of the parties to the present conveyance were such coheirs, but the fact that the grantor is here disposing of one-third of the manor and advowson shows that he derived title through one of them.

88

Charter of Alice, countess (of Northampton), daughter of Gilbert (de Gant), earl (of Lincoln), confirming to Geoffrey de Neville all the tenements which Ralf de Neville his father held of Walter de Gant her grandfather and of Gilbert de Gant her father, in Fordon, Filey, 'Sloxtun', and Muston with Woodmanacre, Marton and Reighton. Folkingham. (?1160-?1176)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Farrer, *EYC* ii, No. 1174 from Dodsworth MS., vol. xc, f. 146, a transcript from BS.

Aeliz comitissa filia Gilleberti comitis omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Gaufrido de Neuilla et heredibus suis omnes tenuras quas Radulfus de Neuilla pater suus tenuit de Waltero de Gant auo meo et de Gilleberto de Gant patre meo . et sicut carte Walteri de Gant testantur

scilicet v carucatas terre in Forduna . et in Fifle v carucatas et dimidiam . et in Sloxtun¹ et in Musetuna vij carucatas et vj bouatas et cum his Wdemaneaches . et in Martona ij carucatas . et in Rictona iij carucatas cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in feudo et hereditate tenend' de me et heredibus meis in (*sic*) bene . et in pace . et honorifice . per seruicium duorum militum. His testibus . Helia abbate de Ruford' . Rogero de Neuilla monaco . Balduino Builot . Gilleberto de Umframuill' . Waltero de Clottona . Simone camerario . Willelmo Luuet . Waltero filio Ernaldi . Eudone Faluel . Andrea de Norwic . Radulfo de Neueri² . Radulfo Flambard . Turstano filio Radulfi . Radulfo Pil' qui fecit hanc cartam apud Folchingham.

SEAL on tag:³ yellow; fragmentary; chevronry, see No. 425.

Farrer has a long note on this charter (*EYC* ii. 462). The limits of date assigned are those proposed by him, but the evidence of date is unsatisfactory. The place 'Sloxtun' is a lost hamlet in Muston. It appears in Domesday Book as 'Scloftone' (loc. cit.). For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 673.

89

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 G 7.

BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words.

Charter of Ralf de Camois (*Cames*), knight, son of Stephen de Camois, confirming to Newark priory near Guildford, Surr. ('ecclesie sancte Marie et beati Thome martiris de Nouo Loco') in free alms all that land which Philip de Rammesye, clerk, had of Joan Lohod in the village of West Tisted, Hants (*Tistede*), and which he afterwards gave to the canons of Newark by his charter. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . Roberto de Briwes . Johanne filio eius . Thoma de Gimminges . Jacobo de Norton' . Waltero de Hutteworth' : Roberto de Bause . Philippo de Persore militibus . Reginaldo de Henton' . Philippo de Ramesye clerico . Thoma Walense . Willelmo de Norton . et aliis.' (1240-59.)

Endorsed: 'Carta Radulfi Cames militis de tota terra quam Philippus de Ramessey habuit de Johanna lehode in villa de Tystede.' (15th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{16}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, on a chief three roundels; ✠ SIGILLUM : RÆDVLF[II] CAMAIS :

No seal or tag remains on the original.

For West Tisted at this time see *VCH Hants*, iii. 59-60. In 1240 Joan, widow of Robert le Hood or Lohod, and probably daughter and heir of Hugh of Tisted, conveyed West Tisted to Ralf de Camois, who settled it on Joan for her life with remainder to himself and his heirs. In 1241 Joan surrendered her life estate to Ralf; he died before 6 June 1259 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 443). See also *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 506.

90

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xv. 17.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Release and quitclaim by Michael Marchal to Robert Hulle and Isabel his wife of all his right and claim to the manor of Edington, Som. (*Edyndon*), together with all lands, rents, services, and reversions in the said manor, to hold to Robert and Isabel and their heirs and assigns. Warranty clause. 'In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui . Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigillum commune wille⁴ de Bruggewater in testimonium huius facti mei apponi procuraui.' Spaxton, Som.: 11 Nov. 1398.

¹ *Sleetun* (Farrer).

² *Nevilla* (Farrer).

³ Cf. BM 13239, and vol. iii, pl. 1.

⁴ *ville* BS.

Endorsed: Carta Michaelis Marchal facta Roberto Hull de manerio de Edyngd'. (15th century.)

Two SEALS on tags: (i) Round, 1 in.; red. A couched shield of arms, a goat salient. Crest on a helmet with mantling, a boar's head. Supporters (of the helmet), two women. **S' IOHANNES LAC**
 (ii) Round, 2 in.; red. A castle on a bridge of four arches over the waters of a river. **† SIGILLUM .**
COMMUNE . DE BRUGEWALTE

BM 4669

91

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words. French.

Letters of Katherine dame Dengeyne appointing Henry Hunt of Blatherwycke her attorney to receive seisin in her name of a third part of the manor of Blatherwycke, Northants., and third parts of the two parts of the manors of Dillington, Hunts. (*Dilington*), and Hail Weston, Hunts. (*Haleweton*), according to the purport of a charter made to her by John Knyvett, Nicholas Styuecle, Philip Melreth, clerks, and Clement Spice. Sealing clause. London: 5 Dec. 1369.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, 1 in.; red. Within a quatrefoil opening four shields of arms, (i) a chevron indented between four cross crosslets in chief and six in base [ENGAINE], impaling, three roundels a label of three points [COURTENAY]; (ii) at the top, ENGLAND; (iii) and (iv) at either side, a bend cotised between six lioncels [BOHUN].

Cf. BM 9476

Katherine was daughter of Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon; she married Thomas Engaine of Pytchley, Laxton, &c., who died overseas 29 June 1367 (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 77). The lands mentioned were Engaine property, and the grantors of the charter referred to were no doubt feoffees to uses.

92

Charter of Hervey Bagot and Milisent his wife confirming to Stoneleigh abbey, Warw., the gift of Basilia de la More, namely, the yearly rent of 40 pence which Richard Trussel was bound to pay to Basilia from the land of Coton by Churchover, Warw. (1192-1214)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 E 54.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Herui Bogot et Milisent uxor mea concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmauimus deo et sancte Marie et abbacie de Stanleg' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . donationem et elemosinam quam domina Basilia de la More fecit predictis monachis in suo viuenti . scilicet redditum quadraginta denariorum quos Ricardus Trussel et heredes sui annuatim debebant soluere predictae Basilie et heredibus suis de terra de Cotes : ad festum sancti Michaelis . quos amodo soluent memoratis monachis ad predictum terminum . quod etiam carta dicti Ricardi Trussel quam monachi de Stanl' inde habent testatur. Hanc autem confirmationem fecimus dicte abbacie pro anima ipsius Basilie . et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum et pro salute nostra et puerorum nostrorum. Et uolumus ut sepedicti monachi predictos denarios habeant et eis gaudeant libere et quiete sicut ipsi qui nos et omnes nostros participes sue fraternitatis et totius ordinis Cisterciensis fecerunt . iuxta quod carta prefate domine

Basilie quam inde habent monachi de Stanl' testatur. Hiis testibus . Willelmo Bagot . Radulfo de Duluerthe . Willelmo de Stafford . Roberto Bagot . Geruasio de Walt' . magistro Rogero de Cherlet' . Johanne de Stanl' . et multis aliis.

Endorsement illegible.

The seals are missing from the original.

Two SEALS: (i) missing, tag only; (ii) on tag, pointed oval, $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; brown. A standing figure of a woman with a bird on left hand. [SIGILLUM] LV[M : MILISENTE :] DE : STA . . . ¹

Hervey Bagot married Milisent daughter of Robert de Stafford, the grantor of No. 143. Her brother Robert de Stafford the younger died between Michaelmas 1192 and Michaelmas 1193 when Hervey succeeded to the Stafford barony in right of his wife (*PR 5 Ric. I*, 85). Hervey was living at Michaelmas 1211 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vi. 124), but was dead at Trinity 1214 when Milisent is described as his widow (*ibid.* vii. 256). They were the ancestors of the later baronial house of Stafford; see G. W. Wrottesley, *Hist. of the Bagot Family*, 5 et seq.

93

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 F 51.

BS FACSIMILE, first word.

Charter of Amaury de St. Amand giving to master Henry of Chesham, Bucks. (*Cestresham*), a certain piece of assart which he purchased of Geoffrey son of Gilebert of Cotes, which lies between the land which belonged to the abbess of Elstow, Beds. (*Elnestowe*), on the one side and the donor's grove on the other and from which the donor used to receive 2 shillings yearly and Henry another 2 shillings. To hold to him and his heirs or assigns² rendering therefor to the donor and his heirs 2 shillings, 6 pence at each of the following terms: Michaelmas, Christmas, the Annunciation, and Midsummer. Warranty³ and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Rogero Gernet de Kerdinton'. Nicholao Herede de eadem . Hugone de Meydenebur'. Johanne Harang de Cotes . Bartolomeo de Harewdon . Rogero Boynim de eadem . Mauritio janitore de Elnestowe et aliis.' (1256-73.)

Endorsed: Domini Amarici de bosco (14th century).

Cotys. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{15}{16}$ in., brown. Shield of arms, fretty, on a chief 3 roundels. ✠ S' AMARICI DE SCO AMANDO.

BM 13215

Amaury was son of Ralf de St. Amand and Azeline sister and coheir of Robert d'Aubigny of Cainhoe (*BHRS* xix. 146). As his parents were married in 1234 or later this charter can hardly be earlier than 1256. In the British Museum (Harl. Chart. 50 H 41) is a notification that on 27 Dec. 1273 master Henry of Chesham in his hall beside the church of St. Peter in the East at Oxford delivered a charter conveying all his land in Bedfordshire to Amaury de St. Amand; it also states that Henry died on the 5th of January following. This conveyance shortly before his death suggests that the present charter, which must be earlier, represents a feoffment to uses. For Cotes see the note to No. 136.

94

BS FACSIMILE, first word.

Bond by Robert Walerand⁴ and Stephen de Penecestre, knights, and Robert Burnell, clerk to the lord (*sire*) Edward, eldest son of the king, acknowledging that they are jointly and severally bound to Peter de Bordeaux (*Bourdiaus*), burgess of that town, and Raymond de Paistiel, burgess of Penes, in the sum of

¹ As in No. 162 below.

² Omitted BS.

³ Warranty omitted BS.

⁴ *Salerand* BS.

£255 sterling of the new coin of England for wines delivered at the port of Sandwich; payable to Ernaud Garsie de Agemer and Giraud brother of the aforesaid Raymond, attorneys and merchants of the aforesaid Peter and Raymond, at Sandwich in the year of the Incarnation MCCLVII. Sealing clause. 'En la presense Thom' de Sandwiz bulif¹ de memes le Port et Salomon Wibert maire et autres.' Sandwich: 21 May 1267.

Two SEALS on tags: (i) round, 1 in.; green. Shield of arms, a bend of five fusils; ✠ S' . ROBERTI . WALTERANDE :

(ii) Oval, $1\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. An elephant along the major axis; ✠ S' ERGTV² . ROBERTI . BVRNEU

Robert Burnell is the future chancellor and bishop of Bath and Wells. He began his career as a chamber clerk to Edward the heir to the English crown.

95

BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

Charter of Agnes de Mussegros, lady of Chinnor, Oxon. (*Cennore*), in her free widowhood giving to Thame abbey Oxon. one penny of yearly rent in Sydenham, Oxon. (*Sydeham*), in free alms for the health of her soul and that of Robert de Mussegros formerly her husband, being that penny of rent which Thomas de Duno used to render to her for the yearly rent of 100 shillings which the said Thomas used to receive annually from the abbot and convent of Thame, of the gift of Roger de Quincy, Agnes's grandfather, sometime earl of Winchester, who gave the aforesaid rent of 100 shillings to Reginald de Duno, Thomas's father. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Hugone de Pleciis . domino Roberto Malet domino Elya de Wytefeld . Thoma de Fell' Nicholas Bursard . Johanne de Boys . Hugone Pirton de Tham' . Ricardo Dauers et aliis'. (1281 or later.)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Three shields of arms suspended from a tree, (i) a lion rampant to sinister; (ii) and (iii) both vair; [SI]GIVLVN IGDETI³ DE : NV : CEGRO.

Agnes was the wife of Robert de Mucegros, who died 27 Dec. 1280 (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 320-1). Chinnor with its hamlet Sydenham had been held by Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester (see No. 67); he left three daughters and coheirs, Margaret wife of William de Ferrers, earl of Derby, Elizabeth wife of Alexander Comyn, earl of Buchan, and Helen wife of Alan la Zouche. In 1278-9 the verdict of a jury as to Chinnor (*Hundred Rolls*, ii. 783) states Agnes to be daughter of Robert de Ferrers, earl of Derby, Earl William's son and successor, and to have received Chinnor as her *maritagium*. She must, however, have been the daughter of Earl William since she calls Roger de Quincy her grandfather, and moreover, the affiliation to Earl Robert would involve the marriage of an uncle and niece, for Hawise de Mucegros, Agnes's daughter, married John de Ferrers of Chartley, son and heir of Earl Robert (*CP* v. 307-8). A papal dispensation was obtained from the impediment of affinity in the third degree arising out of an unconsummated marriage between Hawise and William de Mortimer, then dead, John and William being first cousins once removed (*ibid.*; *Cal. Papal Letters*, i. 588), but no dispensation seems to have been obtained from the impediment of consanguinity in the second degree between John and Hawise.

96

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 C 6.

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of John de Luvetot giving to Richard of Holbrook, Suff. (*Holebroc*), for his homage and service and for 20 marks sterling in *gersumam*, 13s. 6d. of yearly rent and one pound of cumin a year, in the village of Tattingstone, Suff. (*Tatingestuna*). From Roger Crewell and his heirs 3d. From William Mikeleboy 4½d. From Laurota Werri 4½d. From Martin de Finesford 22½d. From Symon Linehant 14½d. From Alan Linehant 14½d. From John Eadwine 28½d. From Roger Alured 2½d. From William son of Jordan

¹ *Sic*.

² *Sic*, query SECRETVM.

³ *Sic*, query recte AGNETIS.

the cook 18*d.* From the heirs of Robert Bolle 2½*d.* From Richard de Holebroc 4*s.* and one pound of cumin. To hold together with all the right which the grantor has or may have in the patronage (*patronatus*) of the church of Tattingstone, rendering therefor 1*d.* at Easter. Warranty clause, sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . Roberto de Vaus . Bartholomeo de Auuelers . Roberto de Reydon' militibus . Galfrido de Dodenes . Rogero de Reymes . Thoma de Frestun' . Willelmo Bartholom' . Galfrido de la Mare . Ansiso Bernad' et aliis.' (Late 13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; green. Shield of arms, a lion rampant; round the shield IO/h/IS; ✠ S' Dæ
LUVVETOT BM 11480

Holbrook, Freston, and Tattingstone all lie close together in Suffolk between the rivers Orwell and Stour. In 1302-3 Holbrook was held by John son of Richard of Holbrook, Freston by John of Freston and Margaret his mother, Raydon by Robert of Raydon; there is no return for Tattingstone (*FA* v. 24-5). In 1303 in Essex John de Lovetot is spoken of as dead (*ibid.* ii. 137). This charter must be late 13th century.

97

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 E 16.

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Charter of Richard de Montfichet (*Montefixo*) giving to Eustace of Barrington (*Barenton*) for his homage and service a messuage and half a virgate of land with the meadow pertaining thereto in Barrington (Cambs.), and an acre of land with the appurtenances, namely, all the tenement which Henry Russell held of him in the same village. 'Preterea dedi concessi et etiam manumisi eidem Eustachio predictum Henricum natium meum cum tota sua sequela et progenie ab eo iam procreato vel procreando cum omnibus catallis suis iure possessario sibi spectantibus.' Rendering yearly therefor for all services 10*s.* 6½*d.*, namely, at Michaelmas 2*s.* 6½*d.*, at Christmas 2*s.* 8*d.*, at Easter 2*s.* 7½*d.*, and at St. John Baptist 2*s.* 7½*d.*; and also for the sheriff's aid 2½*d.* and a farthing, namely, at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary three half-pence and at the Annunciation a penny farthing. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . domino Willelmo de Lamburn' milite . Willelmo de Kyrkeby tunc senescallo . Roberto de Houton' . Warino filio Radulfi de Barenton' . Warino filio Swayn. Willelmo de la Haye de Sceprethe¹ . Radulfo de Careseye de Foxton' . Thurberno de Haselingfeld' . Willelmo le Palmer et aliis.' (c. 1250-67.)

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 1⅓ in.; green. On a background with six stars a shield of arms, three chevrons, a label of five points; above the shield is a scroll. ✠ [SVM T]ES[TIS] VERITATIS BM 11866

The text in BS is much abbreviated; for instance, the dates for the payment of the rent are omitted, as also the warranty clause. For a pedigree of Montfichet see *Feudal Cambridgeshire*, 234; Richard de Montfichet the elder died in 1203 and was succeeded by his son, another Richard, who died in 1267. The witness Warin son of Ralf of Barrington occurs in 1279 (*ibid.* 236, 243), and in the same year William de la Haye was holding one hide in Shepreth (*ibid.* 232). The date of this charter cannot therefore be many years earlier than 1267, and this seems to be confirmed by the handwriting of the original.

98

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Charter of John le Fleming giving to Hugh of Tothill all the rents and tenements which the donor had of the feoffment of Robert le Fleming his nephew (*nepotis*) in the villages of Brampton-en-le-Morthen (*Brampton' in Morthing*), Ulley (*Ullay*), and Wentworth Woodhouse (*Wodehouses*), Yorks., for the term of his (Hugh's) life; rendering therefor to the donor, his heirs, and assigns at the usual terms of Wath, viz. on the feast of the Assumption (15 Aug.) and on the feast of St. Andrew (30 Nov.) 6*s.* 8*d.* in

¹ *Seprethe* BS.

equal amounts. Hugh shall have power to assign the premises on the aforesaid terms for the term of 5 years next following his decease, provided that it be not to the prejudice of the donor or his heirs and the premises be in as good state, &c. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Johanne de Cressi de Bratthewell'. Willelmo de Schefeud. Ricardo del Wodhall. Roberto fratre suo Ada de Brertuisell' et aliis.' Clifton: 13 Jan. 1323.

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{15}{16}$ in.; red. On a lozengy background a shield of arms, barry on a chief three lozenges. On a helmet crest, [?] a sheaf of arrows. No legend.

The donor was of the family of Fleming of Wath and Clifton, for which see Hunter, *South Yorkshire*, ii. 65, and *EYC* vii. 193–202. William le Fleming, who died in 1307, held a knight's fee in Wath-upon-Dearne of the honor of Skipton and of the fee of Warrene the manor of Clifton (in Dewsbury), where the present charter was issued (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* iv, No. 424). Hugh of Tothill was a member of the family which took its name from Toothill in Rastrick, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Clifton. There is a Woodhouse in Rastrick, but there are many Woodhouses in the West Riding; the *Wodhouses* of this charter is probably Woodhouse in Wath, a name subsequently absorbed in Wentworth Woodhouse.

99

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Notification by Sir John de Wahul that he is bound to his steward William St. John, son of John St. John, residing in Plumpton, Northants. (*Plumton*'), to pay him the yearly sum of 5 marks sterling in equal amounts at Easter and Michaelmas for his service as steward while he shall hold that office; William is also to have 18 pence a day for his maintenance and expenses and for the maintenance of his grooms (*garcionum*) and horses, and in addition to the said 18 pence he shall have wood '&c.' on all days that he shall be within John's manors for the purposes of his office. 'Item volo et concedo quod idem Willelmus liber quietus et absolutus ab omnimodis compotis permaneat inperpetuum absque aliqua calumpnia mei &c.' Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Willelmo de Gradden' Watro de Gradden'. Willelmo le Waleys. Willelmo de Roddeston' et aliis.' (After 1288–96.)

Tag only for SEAL.

The transcript in BS is abbreviated. John de Wahull, then a minor, succeeded his father Walter in 1269; he died in the spring of 1296 (*HKF* i. 67). The next John to hold the honor was his grandson, who was under age in 1316 and died in 1336 (*ibid.* 68). William St. John, son of John, succeeded his grandfather William in or shortly before 1288, being then under age (*ibid.* 88). The present instrument therefore must be after 1288 and not later than the death of John de Wahull in 1296.

100

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 F 11. Indented.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words. Not indented.

An agreement made on the Sunday next after the octave of St. Hilary, 3 Edw. II, between John Botetourt and Maud his wife of the one part, and John son of Andrew and Richard his son of the other. John and Maud have demised to John son of Andrew and Richard for their lives two watermills formerly belonging to Gilbert de Follignielme in the village of Halstead, Ess. (*Halstede*), with the meadow and pasture and with all the ways, &c., and easements pertaining to them. Rendering yearly to John and Maud, their heirs and assigns, 4 marks in equal portions at Easter, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas and doing the service due to the chief lords of the fee. Warranty¹ and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Luca Morel . Johanne [Bousir]² . Waltero Blamuster Andrea Huraund Ricardo de Enefeld Waltero Dekne . Roberto Megge³ et aliis datum apud. . . ' 25 Jan. 1310.

¹ Warranty omitted BS.

² Supplied from BS.

³ Witness omitted BS.

No endorsement.

Two SEALS on one tag, split into two: (i) round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. A cinquefoil, with a saltire engrailed [BOTE-TOURT] on each leaf; * [S] IO[HAN]NIS BOVTTTOVRT. BM 7674, 7684

(ii) round, c. 1 in.; red. Shield of arms, bendy a canton, impaling a saltire engrailed. In place of a legend roundels.

The copy in BS is not very accurate and is in places abbreviated. For John Botetourt see *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 233. His wife Maud was daughter of Thomas son of Otes of Mendlesham, Suff., by Beatrice daughter of William de Beauchamp of Bedford; she was heir to her brother Otes son of Thomas.

IOI

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 38.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words. Summarized: *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 115.

Charter of Henry III granting Alan Basset licence to enclose $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of his wood in Wootton Basset, Wilts. (*Wutton*'), which is within the king's park of Braydon (*Braden*') and to make a park thereof together with his wood of Vastern (*Fetstern*) which is without the said forest; and to hold the same to himself and his heirs forever quit of waste, regard, and view of foresters. 'Hiis testibus W. Marescallo comite Penbr'. Philippo de Albin' Radulfo filio Nicholai . Godefrido de Craucumba Willelmo Talebot Henrico de Capella . Galfrido de Cauz . Willelmo de Rughedon' et aliis. Data per manum Nicholai de Neuill tunc gerentis vices venerabilis patris R. Cycestr' episcopi cancellarii nostri.' Marlborough (*Merleberg*): 5 Mar. 1230.

Endorsed: Carta H. regis de parco FASTERNE claudendo. (*late 13th century*.)

Carta Henrici domino Alano Basset de parco faciendo in foresta de Braden. (*14th century*.)

SEAL on plaited cord: the first Great Seal of Henry III: obv. and rev.; green. BM 104; and cf. 100

IO2

Letters patent of Edward I granting to Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, the marriage of Duncan son and heir of Duncan sometime earl of Fife. Berwick-on-Tweed. 25 June 1292

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 D 1.

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitannie et superior dominus regni Scocie . omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse dilecto et fideli nostro Gilberto comiti Glo[uernie]¹ et Hertford' maritagium Duncani filii et heredis Duncani quondam comitis de Fyf . ita quod non disparagetur. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras patentes sigillo regimini regni Scocie deputato fecimus sigillari. Dat' apud Berwic' super Twedam xxv^{to} die Junii anno regni nostro vicesimo.

Endorsed: Maritagium Donecani de Fif. (*14th century*.)

SEAL on strip cut two-thirds across the width of the document: round, c. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.; brown; imperfect. *Obv.*: St. Andrew crucified on his cross; background diapered with trefoils; [H]² AN[DRE]A : SCOTIS : DVX :

¹ Supplied from BS.

² BM 14789 and cf. 14790 for the legend.

ESTO : CONPÆ : TRIOTIS]. *Rev.*: A shield of the arms of Scotland; background diapered with trefoils; [† **SIGILLVM : SCOCIE : DEPVATVM : REGIMINI : R]EGNI.** This is the seal appointed for the government of Scotland after the death of Alexander III. It was used by Edward I from 1286 to 1292.

Earl Gilbert, the grantee, had by his first wife a daughter Joan who married Earl Duncan the elder and was the mother of the Duncan, born 1285, whose marriage is here granted to his maternal grandfather. Earl Gilbert married secondly Joan of Acre, daughter of King Edward I; on his death she married Ralf de Monthermer, by whom she had a daughter Mary, who in Nov. 1307 was married by papal dispensation to Earl Duncan the younger (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 373–4, 702–11).

IO3

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Letters patent of Edward II giving to his beloved cousin Roger de Mortimer, lord of Wigmore and of Trim, all lands and tenements forfeited for any cause whatsoever within the grantee's liberty of Trim, co. Meath: to hold to him and his heirs by the service of a rose yearly on the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist. 'Teste prefato Rogero tenente locum nostrum in Hibernia.' Dublin: 6 Sept. 1317. 'per billam'.

SEAL on tag: the Great Seal of Edward II; obv. and rev.; light brown.

Cf. BM 147

The grantee was created earl of March in 1328; he was impeached and hanged in 1330.

IO4

Charter of Isabel de Warenne, countess of Surrey, granting to the hospital of St. Catherine of Lincoln the same rights of way and pasture on Hatfield moor as were granted by Earl Hamelin and increasing the number of beasts to be pastured. (1202–7)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 15.

BS FACSIMILE, first 20 words.

PRINTED in part: Watson, *Memoirs of the Ancient Earls of Warren and Surrey*, i. 162 (from the original in the hands of Thomas Astle, F.S.A.).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Isabella comitissa Warenn' pro salute anime mee . et pro anima domini mei Hamelini comitis . et pro animabus omnium antecessorum . parentum et heredum meorum dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui deo et canonicis et fratribus et pauperibus hospitalis sancte Katerine Lincoln' : quod habeant liberum ingressum et regressum . per calcetam meam que uocatur Cubrigge sexaginta aueriis suis . scilicet quadraginta ex dono domini mei .H. comitis . et viginti ex dono meo : usque in pasturam meam que est in mora mea uersus Thorn' inter Hutholmes de Clunes et Thorn . et inter dictam Cubrige . et fossetum quod uadit de Lindholm¹ . usque in aquam de Thorn. Et ut habeant pasturam liberam dictis sexaginta aueriis suis in predicta pastura . inter aueria hominum meorum de Heitfeld' . quorum communis est. Et dicti canonici non debent habere aliquid in boscis . nec in aquis . nec in pasturis . nec in mariscis meis : preter pasturam sexaginta aueriis illorum quam illis in nominata pastura caritatiue concessi. Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmacio rata

¹ Lindham' BS.

et stabilis et inconcussa imperpetuum permaneat ⁊ sigilli mei appositione cartam istam roboravi. His testibus domino Huberto priore de Lew' . sociis suis . Willelmo de Maidinton . Willelmo de Liuet . Thoma de Horesbiri . Reginaldo filio Elie . Hugone de Hetfelde persona . Anselmo de Néélet . Anselmo de Glamuill' . Henrico capellano . Richerio de Trunchet . Henrico de Marisco¹ . Pagano Marario . Rogerio Walur . Ricardo ostur . et aliis multis.

Endorsed: Cart'. (14th century.)

SEAL on twisted cord: pointed oval, c. $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ in.; yellow-brown. A lady standing, a fleur-de-lis in her right hand; no legend.

BM 6730

Isabel clearly outlived her husband, for she refers to his death in a charter reproduced in facsimile by Watson (op. cit. i. 169); the substance of the present charter points to its being made during her widowhood. Alexander was prior of Lewes in 1201, and was succeeded by the witness Hubert, more correctly Humbert, in 1202, who was still prior in 1207 (*VCH Sussex*, ii. 70). As many of the witnesses also figure in Hamelin's charter, No. 69 above, the present one was probably made not long after his death.

IO5

Charter of Roger de Clare, earl of Hertford, confirming the sale of the manor of Langham, Ess., by Hugh Tirel to Gervase of Cornhill; Gervase had given Hugh 100 marks for his journey to Jerusalem. The earl warrants the sale to Gervase and grants that if Langham should come to him, Gervase or his heirs shall hold it of the earl by the service of one knight and shall not be impleaded respecting it elsewhere than in London or Southwark. (circa 1153?)

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Comes Rogerus de Clar' . omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse illam conuentionem et donationem firmiter quam Hugo Tirell fecit Geruasio de Cornhull de manerio suo de Lehyngesham quod est de feudo meo sicut Hugo predictus Tirell' melius et liberius et honorabilius tenuit. Sciendum enim est quod Geruasius de Cornhull' et heredes sui debent hoc predictum manerium solum et quietum et liberum tenere finabiliter. Reddendo inde per annum pro omnibus seruitiis Hugoni Tirello aut heredibus suis unam cuppam argenti de pondere trium marcarum & hec cuppa predicta debet illis reddi Londoniis quando illuc a Geruasio uel a suis exigetur per Hugonem uel per heredes suos. Et pro hac donatione et conuentione dedit predictus Geruasius Hugoni predicto Tirello centum marcas argenti ad iter suum de Jerusalem. Et si contigerit quod heredes Hugonis Tirelli noluissent predictum pactum tenere Geruasio predicto de Cornhull' ⁊ uel heredibus suis ⁊ ego Rogerus debeo warantizare predictum pactum Geruasio uel heredibus suis. Et si contigerit quod predictum manerium incidet in manu mea predictus Geruasius et heres eius tenebit predictum manerium de me in capite finabiliter . et de heredibus meis per seruicium unius militis pro omnibus seruiciis finabiliter. Et si placitum aliquod euenerit predicto

¹ Matsco BS.

Geruasio uel heredibus suis de predicto manerio . illud placitum teneatur Londoniis uel Suewerke. Et pro hac concessione ipse predictus Geruasius homo meus deuenit . et hac concessione dedit mihi unum pulchrum equum. Et huius concessionis sunt testes . scilicet Walterus filius Gilleberti . Hamo Pecc' Radulfus Waleis . Stephanus de Danmartin . Matheus pincerna . Ricardus filius Simonis . Rodbertus de la Mar' . Radulfus clericus . Johannes clericus . Willelmus clericus . Ricardus cocus . Walterus camerarius . Rogerus filius Azol' . Hugo hostiarius . magister Godwinus . Alanus filius Huberti . Michael filius Alfredi . Johannes filius Radulfi et Radulfus filius eiusdem et Michael frater eius et Rodbertus uel Willelmus filius Ysabel Picotus Lugbard' et Gaufridus filius eius . Goce Vin' et Radulfus frater eius . Gaufridus de Sancto Eleg' . Paganus . Jordanus nepos Geruasii . Rodbertus Gkest¹ . Rodbertus deli . Willelmus filius Rodberti . Thomas clericus.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, $2\frac{15}{16}$ in.; green. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield with spike boss, saddle and breast-band fringed; ✠ SIGILLUM : ROGERI OMITIS : CLARE.

See the note to No. 84 above. The first witness is Walter fitzGilbert, the grantor's uncle, who does not figure on the Pipe Rolls of Henry II and probably died about the beginning of the reign: this supports the view, probable from the nature of the subject-matter, that the charter was executed soon after Earl Roger's succession to the earldom in 1152 or 1153.

IO6

Charter of Aldwin of Tandridge, Surr., granting to the priory of St. Mary Overey, Southwark, a yearly rent of twelve pence charged on his land in 'Westrate' in Southwark. (1173-1200)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 56 H 40.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Aldwinus de Tenrege dedi et concessi et hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Sutwerc et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus redditum xii^{cim} denariorum de terra mea in Sutwerc in Westrate que est de feudo monachorum de Beremundesei . ad festiuitatem sancti Michaelis nobis soluendum . in liberam et perpetuam² et puram elemosinam scilicet de mesagio illo quod propinquius est domui Radulfi clerici filii Agnetis . ita scilicet quod liceat prefatis canonicis iusticiare tenamentum³ illum qui erit in prefato mesagio nisi eis ad prefixum terminum soluti fuerint. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus⁴ prefatum redditum prefatis canonis⁵ contra omnes homines. His testibus . Luce de Lawudecote . Johanne nepote sancti Thome . Magistro Helia . Roberto filio Pagani . Alano de Wic . et multis aliis.

¹ The reading is uncertain. It is possible that in the original charter one or two letters belonging to this word may have been written at the end of the preceding line.

² The clerk wrote *el* in error at this point. He did not mark

it for deletion.

³ *Sic*, possibly for *tenentem*.

⁴ *mus* is written above the line over three deleted letters.

⁵ *Sic*.

Endorsed: Karta Aldwini de Tenrege (contemporary) de redd' xii d. (late 13th century.) Bermundeseye. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. $2 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; brown. A man standing bareheaded, wearing a tunic with belt and holding a sword and shield which is spiked and has a gyronny pattern on it; **SIGILLU'** Tag only now remains on the original.

The most interesting feature of this charter is perhaps the appearance of John the nephew of St. Thomas among the witnesses; it is also the only criterion of date. He was the son of Rohese, the archbishop's sister. At Michaelmas 1176 the sheriff of Kent accounts for a pension to Rohese of 11 pounds charged on the mill of Canterbury (*PR 22 Hen. II*, 205). The entry continues till Michaelmas 1185 when it is charged as paid to Rohese and her son John, Rohese having presumably died during the financial year (*PR 31 Hen. II*, 224). Thereafter the pension appears on the rolls as paid to John until it disappears at Michaelmas 1201 (3 Joh.); John therefore presumably died towards the end of 1200. Becket was canonized in Feb. 1173, and the limits of date are that event and John's death.

IO7

Charter of Lecia, daughter of Ralf of Rouen, confirming to the priory of St. Mary Overey, Southwark, the annual rent of half a mark given by her mother Mary, daughter of Laurence, and charged on Bedfont, Middx. (Southwark: Hen. II)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 B 23.

BS FACSIMILE.

Notum sit uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Liece filia Radulfi Rotomagensis concedo et presentis scripti pagina confirmo donationem quam Maria filia Laurentii mater mea fecit deo . et ecclesie sancte Marie . de Suhwerka . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus presente et concedente Wilhelmo filio meo et herede . uidelicet dimidiam marcam¹ argenti . de terra de Bedefonte . quam Robertus filius Laurentii auunculus meus tenet . annuatim soluendam² uidelicet ad natale domini iij solidos et iiij denarios et ad natiuitatem sancti Johannis Baptiste iij solidos et iiij denarios. Hanc concessionem facio . in perpetuam elemosinam . pro salute animarum nostrarum . Willelmi uidelicet et domini et sponsi mei . et mee . et heredum . et omnium amicorum meorum . et pro animabus Radulfi patris mei . Laurentii fratris mei . et antecessorum et omnium propinquorum meorum. Hanc cartam sigillo meo corroboratam super altare sancte Marie in ecclesia de Sudwerka ego et Willelmus filius et heres meus presentauimus. Hiis testibus Roberto filio Laurentii . Wilhelmo clerico . de Estede . Geruasio Caterine . Johanne Gubold . Roberto de Atle . Thurstano . Radulfo clerico . Wilhelmo senescal . Henrico famulo . Odone armigero . Godefrido janitore.

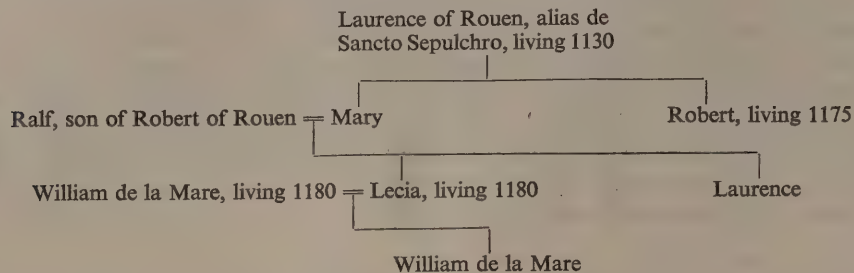
Endorsed: Karta concessionis Liece filia R. de Rum . de terra de Bedefunte. (12th century.)

¹ dimidia marca BS.

² soluenda BS.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $3\frac{1}{8} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. A lady standing, wearing a long gown with liripipe sleeves and holding a flower in her left hand; [S]IGILLVM : MIECE . FILIE . RÆDVLEI : BM 6637

This charter and the next, No. 108, when read in conjunction with others referred to below, disclose a family originating in Rouen and connected with London, no doubt by trade, which as early as the reign of Henry I was holding Ashstead in Surrey of the chamberlains of Tancarville. The following pedigree shows the relationship of the persons mentioned in the two charters.



A charter of Henry II (Delisle and Berger, *Recueil*, ii. 456), for which the limits of date are 1180–3, confirms to William de Mare and Lecia, his wife, Ashstead, Surr., as Laurence de Sancto Sepulchro held it of William the chamberlain of Tancarville (d. 1129); Mitcham, Surr., which Rabel the chamberlain (d. 1140) gave to Ralf son of Robert and his wife Mary, daughter of the aforesaid Laurence; and their land of Grantham, Lincs., viz. Harlaxton and Londonthorpe, which William the then chamberlain of Tancarville had restored to them as their inheritance. Another charter of Henry II (*ibid.* ii. 205) confirms to the priory of St. Lô at Rouen a rent of 60 shillings in Rouen, the gift of Ralf son of Robert, and another rent of 60 shillings, the gift of his wife Mary. It will have been noted that in the first of these charters Laurence of Rouen is described as *de Sancto Sepulchro*; the church of the Holy Sepulchre at Rouen formerly stood between the Vieux Marché and the present Place de la Pucelle not far from the priory of St. Lô, and his daughter's benefaction to that house suggests the origin of Laurence's name. Farin (*Hist. de Rouen*, 1738 ed. ii, pt. i. 97) prints in translation an agreement between the chapter of Rouen cathedral and William de la Mare, by which the latter released to the chapter all his claim over the patronage of the church of St. Sauveur at Rouen, the chapter promising to commemorate William on the morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin (9 Sept.); and the necrology of the cathedral has the entry, '9 Sept. Guillelmus de la Mara' (*Rec. Hist. France*, xxxiii. 366). The church of St. Sauveur in the Vieux Marché was about 200 yards distant from the church of the Holy Sepulchre. It seems safe to identify this William de la Mare with either the husband or son of Lecia, and this is additional evidence of the exact provenance of the family.

Laurence of Rouen must have had considerable interests in England, for he occurs on the Pipe Roll of 1130 under Surrey, Essex, and London. The Pipe Roll of 21 Hen. II (p. 149) shows Mary's brother, Robert, in possession of Harlaxton; he must have died without issue before 1183, by which time the overlord had restored it to Lecia and her husband as their inheritance. The two charters are contemporaneous, and the handwritings both of the texts and the endorsements are identical, but their date is not easy to determine. Lecia's grandfather Laurence was living in 1130, and her son William was old enough to consent to the grant here made; both Lecia and her husband were living at least as late as 1180. On these data it is difficult to put the charters earlier than the early years of Henry II. A later confirmation by Ralf the chamberlain of Tancarville of these English lands to Lecia's son, William de la Mare, will be found at No. 281.

IO8

Charter of Mary, daughter of Laurence of Rouen, giving to the priory of St. Mary Overey, Southwark, half a mark annually charged on her land at Bedfont, Middx. (Southwark: early Hen. II)

ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. v. 11.

BS FACSIMILE.

Notum sit uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Maria filia Laurentii Rotomagensis . do et presentis scripti pagina confirmo . dimidiam marcam argenti annuatim soluendam uidelicet ad natale domini iij solidos et iiij denarios . et ad natiuitatem sancti Johannis Baptiste iij solidos . et iiij denarios . deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Suthwerka . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus . de terra mea . de Bedefonte quam Rodbertus filius Laurentii frater meus tenet. Hanc donationem facio sicut perpetuam elemosinam . pro salute anime mee . et omnium amicorum meorum . et pro animabus sponsi mei . Rodberti¹ . et patris mei Laurentii . et matris mee . et filii mei . *Laurencii* et antecessorum . et omnium propinquorum meorum. Hanc cartam sigillo meo corroboratam . super altare sancte Marie in ecclesia de Suthwerka . presentauit. Hiis testibus. Rodberto filio Laurentii . Willelmo clerico de Aeste . Geruasio² Caterin . Thurstein . Rodberto de Haadl' . Rodberto clerico . Seer' . Willelmo seneschal . Henrico famulo . Odone armigero . Godefrido janitore . et aliis quam pluribus.

Endorsed: Karta donationis Marie de Estede de terra de Bedefunte. (12th century.)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. $2\frac{7}{8} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. A lady standing, a sprig in her left hand; ✠ SIGILLU' . MARIE . FILIE . LAURENCII. BM 6635

Robert as the name of Mary's husband must be a scribal error; it will be noted that among the witnesses the 'Radulfo clerico' of No. 107 is here 'Roberto'.

IO9

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 H 37.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Sybil de Caune giving to Hugh de Mareny for his homage and service 14 acres of land in the village of Burnham, Ess., which lie in the field called Pirifeld. To hold to Hugh and his heirs rendering therefor yearly at Easter four pence of wardpenny³ for all service. Warranty clause. 'Hiis testibus . Roberto filio Walteri . Walkelino de Caune . Willelmo de Caune . Thoma de Caune . Willelmo de Amblie . Roberto Duhleham . Johanne de Enefeld . Roberto Corpechun . Radulfo filio Ursi.' (Henry III.)

Endorsed: De Waltero filio Bernardi (late 13th century). quart' cart' (14th century).
Burnham (14th century).

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $2 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; light brown. A lady standing, a fleur-de-lis in her right hand; ✠ SIGILLU' SIBILLE : DE : CAUNA BM 6602

¹ Sic.

² Corrected from *Geruese* by writing *a* above the *e* and *io* above the last *e*. The two *e*'s are not crossed through. The transcriber of BS corrected 'Geruase' to 'Geruesio'.

³ Corrected to *wardpan* from *warppan* in the original and consequently copied as *wargpan* BS. The first *p* with a *d* written over it looks like a *g*.

Sibyl was daughter of Walter de Kaune or Caune and married John son of Bernard (*Fees*, 1429). In 1230 she was impleaded by the abbot of Coggeshall as to land in Reed, Herts. (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 448), and in the same year under Essex she paid scutage on $1\frac{1}{4}$ fees held of the honor of Boulogne (*PR 14 Hen. III*, 135). In 1235-6 she paid 40 shillings scutage on fees held of Robert son of Walter de Valognes (*Fees*, 479). The donee cannot be certainly identified; he was possibly a member of the family of Marines, see No. 373.

II O

Charter of Stephen confirming to Bordesley abbey all the land of Bordesley and all the demesne land of Bidford, Warw., except that which the villeins hold, as he gave it to Waleran, count of Meulan, who gave it to the abbey. Lincoln. (1140-1)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 13.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: W. de G. Birch, *On the Great Seals of King Stephen*, 23-4.

S. rex Angl' . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus comitibus . baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis tocius Anglie ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et puerorum meorum et pro incolumitate tocius regni mei . deo et monachis de Bordesleia . totam terram de Bordesleia . et totam terram dominicam de Bideford . preter illam quam villani ipsius ville tenent . ad tenend' eam bene et in pace et plenarie sicut eam dedi . G. comiti de Metll'. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi terras predictas teneant . ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie . in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis . in via et semitis in aquis et stagnis et molendinis . et piscariis . et in omnibus locis et rebus omnibus . cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof' . et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietanciis ad terras illas pertinentibus . et sicut carta ipsius G. comitis de Metll' qui eas eis dedit testatur quod tenere debeant. Testibus . Alexandro episcopo Lincol' . et Adelulfo episcopo Carlot' . et R. cancellario . et Willelmo de Ipra . et Hugone Bigot . et Baldewino filio Gisleberti . et Ingelramo de Sai . et Ricardo de Curci . et Ricardo filio Vrsi . Apud Lincolniam.

Endorsed: Bydford. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag:¹ fragment of rev. of the king's second seal; yellow-brown. The lance is not shown in the drawing.

This charter, the earliest charter of Bordesley abbey, is prior in date to the 'foundation' charter of Earl Waleran (*Mon.* v. 410). It sets out the abbey's original endowment. For Earl Waleran see G. H. White, *Trans. R. Hist. Soc.* 4th ser. xvii. 19-48. Mr. White concludes that this charter must have been made either during Stephen's visit to Lincoln before Christmas 1140 or before the siege of Lincoln began in Jan. 1141. He assumes that R. the chancellor is Ralf the chancellor who attested two charters issued by Maud while Stephen was in captivity. Since he wrote, another charter issued by Maud has been printed (B. A. Lees, *Records of the Templars*, Brit. Acad. 146) witnessed by 'Ralf my chancellor'. There is no reason to suppose that Stephen had appointed a 'Ralf' as his chancellor before he was taken prisoner. Philip de Harcourt had been appointed as chancellor after the fall of Roger the chancellor in 1139. In the

¹ BM 46; Wyon, *Great Seals of England*, No. 28.

spring of 1140 he was nominated by the king as bishop of Salisbury, although he never secured the election. Mr. Clay in commenting on this charter (*Yorks. Arch. Journ.* xxxiv. 366-7) suggests that Philip resigned or was removed from the chancellorship in the spring of 1140 and was succeeded in office by Robert de Gant before this charter was issued.

III

Quitclaim by Hugh de Neville, son of Erneis de Neville, to Bridlington priory of four bovates of land in Goxhill, Lincs. (Early 13th-century)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 B 12.

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

PRINTED in abstract: *Bridlington Chartulary*, ed. Lancaster, 349.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit : Hugo de Neuill' filius Ernisii de Neuill' salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me quietum clamasse de me et de omnibus hereditibus meis in perpetuum deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Brillingtona et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus totum ius quod dicebam me aliquando habere in quatuor bouatis terre in Gousle in Lindesai et totum clamium meum quod in eisdem bouatis aliquando habui cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus et aisiamentis intra villam et extra . illis scilicet quas Simon nepos Roberti filii Ernisii aliquando tenuit de prefatis canonicis . et quas Ernisius pater meus aliquando tenuit ad firmam de prefatis canonicis. Hanc autem quiete clamantiam feci ego Hugo prefatis canonicis diuine caritatis intuitu et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum. Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Perci . et Roberto filio eius . Waltero de Buuingtona . et Willelmo filio eius . Waltero de Sourebi . Willelmo de Lekeburn' . Ernaldo de Martona . Luca Siluer.

Endorsed: Quiete clamantia Hugonis de Neuill' de iiij b[ouatis] in Gousle. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; green. A single-masted ship without sails; SIGILL' . HUGONIS DE . NEVILL' .

It is impossible to connect all the numerous Nevilles of the 12th and 13th centuries. A number of charters connecting Erneis de Neville with Habrough, Lincs., are printed in Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, Nos. 273 et seq.; one of Erneis himself, *temp.* Henry II, is witnessed by his brother Hugh and his sons Hugh and Walter (No. 275), and Erneis and his son Hugh witnessed one *c.* 1200 (*ibid.*, No. 533). Turning to the present charter, the witness William de Percy of Carnaby was dead in 1219 and had been succeeded by his son Robert (*Percy Chartulary*, Surtees Soc. 56); seven out of the eight witnesses witnessed a charter of Walter de Ver, son of Adam of Goxhill, for Bridlington, of which the limits of date are 1200-13 (*EYC* iii, No. 1344). It should be noted that as Erneis de Neville merely held the land at farm there is no question of his having been successor in title to the family of Robert son of Erneis, for whom see No. 73.

II2

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 E 33.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Notification by John de Burgh that he has granted for himself and his heirs that Philip Basset shall during his life render the 20 shillings which John owes for the ward of Dover castle from the manor of Beeston,

Norf., which Philip holds of him, provided that John and his heirs shall not distrain on the manor for the said 20 shillings, but only for the service of two knights which Philip owes for the manor. John and his heirs are not to be losers in the matter of reliefs and wardships occurring in the manor which rightfully belong to them. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Paulino Peyuer¹. Ricardo Bauzan. Nicholao de Saunford'. Stephano Bauzan. Julian de Haya. Rogero de Wauton'. Thoma de Batisford clerico et multis aliis.' (1243-51.)

Endorsed: de warda Douer' pro Beston'. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on tag: shield shaped, $1\frac{5}{8} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, lozengy [gules] and vair, a label of five points; ✠ **SIGILLUM : IOHANNIS . DE . BURGO.**

The seal and tag are now missing on the original.

This somewhat clumsily expressed grant is clearly a reduction into writing of an agreement which had been arrived at as to the payment of castle guard. The grantor was the son and heir of the justiciar, Hubert de Burgh, earl of Kent, by his first wife (*CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 142, *n. a*). He did not succeed to the earldom, which was limited to the issue of Hubert's third wife (*ibid.* 137, *n. h*). Beeston was a member of the honor of 'Haganet', i.e. Haughley (*Fees*, 909, 1465); the honor had been held by the Montforts and their successors in the 11th and 12th centuries and thus had been connected with the constablenesship, a fact which accounts for the liability in respect of castle guard at Dover here in question (see Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 326). The date must be later than the death of Hubert de Burgh on 12 May 1243 and earlier than that of the witness Paulin Peyvre in 1251 (Matthew Paris, *Chron. Mai.*, RS, v. 242). For a charter of Hubert de Burgh to Philip Basset see No. 63. The original grant of Beeston by Hubert de Burgh to Philip Basset is PRO Ancient Deed A 5282. The present charter may be compared with A 5007.

II3

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 E 19.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

PRINTED: Nichols, iii, pt. ii. 868, from the original.

Notification by William de Ros of Helmsley (*Hamelac*) that he has released the prioress of Langley, Leics., and her tenants² of Barkby, Leics. (*Barkeby*), from attendance at view of frankpledge at Barkby until the coming of age of Roger son of Roger of Willoughby, Leics. (*Wilouby*). Sealing clause. Abkettleby, Leics. (*Albeketilby*): 16 July 1312.

No endorsement.

SEAL on strip cut to right hand of document: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; brown. Within an octofoil panel a shield of arms, three water bougets; * **S' WILLI : DEROS : RI** (*sic*) . **DE HAMELAR.** BM 13096

Barkby was held of the honor of Belvoir, whose lord, William de Ros, accordingly had the wardship during the minority of the heir.

II4

Notification by Robert Arsic setting out the lands and services of the free tenants on his demesne lands in Cogges, Oxon., as he had decreed and granted them in his court.
Cogges (3 May 1212-22 May 1213)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 D 18.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant et presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Arsic statui terram in Coges de meo dominico scilicet a terra episcopi Wintoniensis usque ad Claicrofte monachorum de

¹ *Peynir* BS.

² *conuentibus* in error BS.

Coges ex utraque parte regalis vie . scilicet Waltero de la Wike duas acras supercroftum domine propinquas terre episcopi Wintoniensis pro sex solidis sterlingorum quos mihi dedit in gersumma . reddendo inde mihi annuatim et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui pro omni seruicio et exaccione . et pro omnibus rebus . duos solidos ad duos terminos anni . scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis . duodecim denarios . et ad festum beate Marie in Marcio . duodecim denarios. Et ipse Walterus et heredes sui tenebunt duas predictas acras de me et heredibus meis honorifice libere in bosco et plano in viis et semitis pratis et pascuis . quiete de secta halimoti et pannagio porcorum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus. Et idem Walterus et heredes sui facient regale seruicium quantum pertinebit de tanto tenemento. Et ego Robertus Arsic et heredes mei warantizabimus predictam terram predicto Waltero et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas. Et ipse predictus Walterus edificabit domum super quamlibet acram quas tenebit super predictam terram. Et ut hec donacio et concessio rata et stabilis imperpetuum permaneat : presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui in testimonium. Et eadem condicione et eadem libertate Ricardus de Burton' tenet duas acras supercroftum domine. Johannes molendinarius ibidem . dimidiam acram. Reginaldus filius Emelote ibidem . unam acram. Godwinus de Akne ibidem unam acram. Hugo molendinarius supercroftum domine et super Borhill' tres acras. Willelmus de Cenindon' super Borhill' duas acras. Simon de Benseia supercroftum domine et super Borhill' . unam acram et dimidiam. Walterus de la Wike ibidem unam acram. Johannes de Lewes ibidem duas acras. Willelmus Albus ibidem . unam acram. Simon le Tai ibidem . unam acram. Philippus filius Gerardi ibidem unam acram. Robertus capellanus de Westberi ibidem unam acram. Robertus cemenarius tenet duas acras et dimidiam . in crofta que uocatur le Hangere. Johannes filius Gilberti ibidem unam acram. Willelmus Moss Crom et Willelmus filius Gerardi ibidem tres acras. Simon Teytor ibidem unam acram. Stephanus le Vielur duas acras. Galfridus le Neppere ibidem duas acras. Humfridus de Sumerford' unam acram. Robertus de Rothomag' unam acram. Alanus le Norreis unam acram et dimidiam. Randulfus filius Gunnilde . duas acras. Randulfus fullo unam acram. Galfridus de Estcote duas acras. Et ego Robertus Arsic et heredes mei concedimus tam Waltero de la Wike prius nominato quam omnibus post nominatis et heredibus eorum et omnibus qui terram de me uel heredibus meis postmodum ibidem capient ut habeant animalia sua cum fetibus eorum in communi pastura uille mee de Coges libere et quiete per predictum censum. Et viam eundo et redeundo de bosco iuxta gurgitem de Metsegge ex parte occidentali . iuxta campum de Nord'. Et ego et heredes mei tenebimus curiam nostram uel seruientes nostri loco nostro super liberum tenementum predictorum liberorum hominum quod de me et de heredibus meis tenebunt . per predictam libertatem. Huius donacionis et confirmacionis sunt testes . dominus¹ Thomas de Wilebi . et dominus Willelmus Trussebut . et Walterus persona de Lega . Radulfus clericus de Witten' . Radulfus filius Galfridi . Adam pincerna . Robertus capellanus de Coctrop . Willelmus diaconus de Witen' . Willelmus Lambert . et Robertus filius eius . Ricardus Pudifed' .

¹ dominis BS.

Nigellus de Ruileia . et multi alii. Hanc constitutionem et donacionem ego Robertus Arsic statui et concessi in curia mea apud Coges . coram militibus et aliis liberis hominibus . in .xiiij^o anno post coronacionem . domini .J. regis Anglie.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, quarterly and a bordure charged with twelve bulls' heads coupé; **IIIIVM . . . OBERTI . DE . ARSIC** BM 6919

This interesting charter appears to reveal the formal laying out of a village in his demesne land by its lord, rather in the manner in which a lord laid out a borough. Twenty-three separate holdings are described, only 2 of them amounting to as much as 3 acres. One of these is held by 2 men in common. One other tenant holds 2 holdings, one of 2 acres and another of 1 acre. The men named are free men and have given their lord a present of 3 shillings an acre down and promise to pay a rent of 1 shilling an acre. They undertake to pay the portion of royal service, that is, scutage, due from their land. The lord promises to warrant his grant to all these men. To them and 'to all who shall afterwards take land there' he promises rights of common. They are quit of attendance at the hall moot, and their lord promises that he or his ministers will hold a court for them on their free land. A very unusual feature of this document is the undertaking that each man shall put up a house on each acre of land.

The lord, Robert Arsic, was the direct descendant of that Manasser Arsic who in 1103 founded a priory at Cogges, the head of his barony, giving his house at Cogges to the abbey of Fécamp to make a priory, with the church, and land for 2 ploughs, and all the wood necessary for the monks' use (Round, *CDF*, 40; Dugdale, *Baronage*). In Domesday Book Wadard, whose land afterwards formed the Arsic barony, was holding Cogges, which was assessed at 5 hides. There was land for 8 ploughs. There were 2 in demesne with 3 slaves. The mill and the hay were both worth 10 shillings. There was a considerable amount of pasture and woodland. The village had been, and still was, worth £10. No tenants, either villein or free, are mentioned. Much of the village lands was still uncultivated woodland.

It would seem that Robert was deliberately setting out to create a village of some importance, possibly inviting people to come in and take up these holdings. In the Hundred Roll account of Cogges descendants of some of these men appear. Of the 10 villeins noted in the Hundred Rolls one is Richard le Norreys, who held a half virgate, working at the lady's will; she taking if she wished 2 shillings and 6 pence instead of work. Among the 13 free men, Thomas le Nappere, John de la Wike, and Richard de Wike appear as rent-paying tenants.

II5

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Notification by Joan de Valence, countess of Pembroke, that Ralf de Sutton, her receiver, has paid by her order the following sums: To Philip the clerk of Goodrich castle 40 shillings which he gave to the sheriff of Gloucester and his clerks for aid against William Peynel in regard to the church of Awre, Gloucs. To master Amig' and William of Trelleck, Mon. (Trillecke), going to London to prosecute and defend a plea in the court of the archbishop of Canterbury touching the said church against the bishop of Hereford 60 shillings. To Robert Persone, skinner, of London for furs (*pellur*) bought from him at Whitsun last past £7, 16 shillings, and 8 pence. To brother Nicholas of Leicester by the hand of Thomas de la Grave for a certain cordial (*electuar*) bought from him for her use 10 shillings. To the same as a gift 10 shillings. To the same for a stone of rhubarb (*petra de Rubarbe*) for her use 3 shillings. To Thomas de la Grave, burgess of Bristol, for 2 tuns of red wine about Michaelmas *cum cartagio et wyndagio eorundem* £6 and 11 shillings. To brother Guy de Marchia, by Thomas's hand, to buy him a habit 13 shillings and 4 pence. To the said Thomas for one tun of white and one of red wine for her use about Christmas £6, 9 shillings, and 5 pence *cum cartagio, discartagio et wyndagio eorundem*. For 66 baskets of white herrings¹ bought at Tenby, Pem. (*Tyneb*) by the hand of Philip Abbot about Christmas £7. For 2 gold rings given to the

¹ Fresh herrings are still so called in Suffolk.

constable of St. Briavels (*de Sancto Breuello*) and his clerk 3 shillings. Total £34, 6 shillings, and 4 pence, which shall be allowed on his account. Sealing clause. Goodrich castle, Heref.: 19 Dec. 1301.

SEAL on strip: round, c. 1½ in.; green; much broken. Shield of arms, barry of six vair and [gules] [MUNCHENSY], dimidiating barry and an orle of martlets [VALENCE]; VM : SE[CRATVM]

Cf. BM 14079

Joan de Valence, wife of William de Valence, was a coheir of the earls of Pembroke. William was never created earl of Pembroke or invested with the earldom, although he is sometimes called earl. He died 18 May 1296. Joan survived him until 1307, retaining until her death the lordship of Pembroke and Goodrich castle (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 381).

II6

Charter of Rannulf earl of Chester granting to Bordesley abbey, Warw., freedom from toll and dues on all that the monks shall buy or sell for their own use in Chester.
(circa 1207–17)

BS FACSIMILE.

Ranulphus comes Cestr' constabulario . dapifero . justiciar' . vicecom' . et omnibus baronibus suis . ministris et bailliis . et omnibus hominibus suis presentibus et futuris presentem cartam inspecturis et audituris . salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie de Bordeslea . et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum quietanciam tholneti et omnium consuetudinum de omnibus que predicti monachi et homines sui emerint aut uendiderint in villa Cestr' ad proprios usus ipsorum monachorum. Et prohibeo super forisfacturam meam decem librarum ne aliquis predictis monachis aut eorum hominibus de predicta quietancia grauamen aut disturbacionem inferre presumat. Hiis testibus . Philippo de Orreb' tunc justiciario Cestr' . Roberto de Quinci . Petro clerico . Waltero de Dayuilla . Roberto fratre suo . Henrico dispensario . Aluredo de Sullinngny . Willelmo de Haslewell' . Elya pincerna . Johanne de Bartona . Alano capellano . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; green; fragmentary. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a lion.

Cf. BM 8530

Philip of Orby became justiciary of Chester *circa* 1207; see note to No. 71. Robert de Quincy married the earl's sister and died in 1217.

II7

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 C 34.

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Charter of Richard de Amundeville giving, with his body and that of Joan his wife, to Chacombe priory, Northants. (*Chaucumb'*), in free alms all the lands and rents which he had in the town of Warwick together with the meadow beside Warwick on the Avon; to hold of him and his heirs free of all secular service, so nevertheless that if Richard his son and heir shall wish to claim those lands and rents by hereditary right he shall pay to the house of Chacombe 100 marks of silver and receive them back free of all claim. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus dominis A. de Napton' Ranulpho de Amundeuill' . Roberto

de Amundeuill' [Willelmo de]¹ ford' . Rogero de Leonibus . . .² Philippo de Amundeuill' . Roberto Wancy . G. de Leons' . Nicholao de Leons' . Willelmo Turuill . Galfrido de Caucumb³ . Johanne de Chaucumb' Hugone de . . .⁴ aliis.' (Henry III.)

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms, fretty and a fess; ✠ SIGILL' RICARDI : DEAMUNDEVILLE. BM.6830

The donor was the successor in title of the Nigel de Mandeville who in 1166 held one knight's fee of the earl of Warwick (*RB* 326); he himself or his son held this fee of the earl in 1241–2 (*Cal. Inq. p.m. Hen. III*, i, No. 10). For the family see Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 692.

II8

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Quitclaim by Joan formerly wife of Nicholas de Cantilupo, knight (*chivaler*), to William de Aldeburgh, knight, and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs and assigns of all her right and claim in the lands, tenements, &c., in Wainfleet and Northolme in Lindsey, Lincs., of which she, together with John of Welbourn, treasurer of Lincoln cathedral, Richard de Whytwell, canon of the same, and William de Braydeston', chaplain, had been jointly enfeoffed by Peter de Gypthorp', son and heir of Alexander de Gypthorp, knight. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Roberto de Ros de Ingemanthorp' Roberto de Donyngton militibus Roberto de Bernak' . Hugone de Crescy de Selston' Laurencio de Leek' et Henrico filio Alani de Waynfflete et aliis.' Wainfleet, Lincs.: 22 Sept. 1359.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; purple. Shield of arms, a fess vair between three fleurs-de-lis [CANTILUPE]; at each corner of the shield a lozenge with the arms a chevron between three crosses formy [KYME]; above the shield a tree with flowers and at each side a leopard passant; ✠ SIGILL' IOHANNI DE

The grantor was the daughter of Humphrey de Littlebury; she married first William de Kyme, who died without issue in 1338 (*CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 355), and secondly, as his second wife, Nicholas de Cantilupe, who died 21 July 1355; she died 16 Oct. 1362 without issue (*ibid.* iii. 113). For the grantee see *CP*, 2nd ed. i. 101.

II9

BS FACSIMILE, first 18 words.

Letters patent of John Holand, duke of Exeter, earl of Huntingdon, and chamberlain of England, granting to John Chancy and John Smert and their assigns for their lives and the life of the survivor of them a yearly rent of £20 sterling payable in equal portions from the manor of Langacre, Dev., at Michaelmas and Easter beginning at Michaelmas next after the date of these presents, with power to enter on the said manor and distrain if the said rent be in arrear. 'Et in maiorem securitatem predicti redditus dedimus et liberauimus prefatis Johanni Chancy et Johanni Smert dimidiam marcam nomine seisine eiusdem redditus.' Sealing clause. London: 4 Apr. 1399.

SEAL on tag:⁵ round, $2\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Within a traceried gothic panel a shield of arms suspended by a strap from a tree, party, dexter, a cross paty between five martlets, a label of three points [ST. EDWARD]; sinister, ENGLAND and a bordure of fleurs-de-lis [HOLAND]; Sigill s. exon: Comit'is hunting . . .

For an account of the grantor, see *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 195 et seq.

¹ Now illegible in original.

² A word, probably *militibus*, is illegible at this point in the original and blank in BS.

³ *Chaucumb* BS.

⁴ The place-name and *multis* is illegible in the original and blank in BS.

⁵ Cf. Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 218; pl., p. 124.



No. 418



No. 79



No. 120



No. 491



No. 407



No. 83

120

Charter of Richard Engaine giving to Fineshade priory, Northants., certain lands, named, and common pasture, confirming also the exchange made between the canons and his men of Blatherwycke, Northants. (circa 1200)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 49 G 51. The words in square brackets are supplied from BS.

BS FACSIMILE:

PRINTED: *Mon. v.* 449, 'ex ipso autographo in bibl. Deuuesiana an. 1647'.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus . clericis et laicis tam presentibus quam futuris Ricardus Engai[gne salu]tes [in] Christo. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me asensu heredum meorum pro dei amore et salute anime mee et uxoris mee Sarre atque omnium consanguineorum meorum tam antecessorum quam successorum dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Castrohyniel et [fratri]bus ibidem deo et Sancte Marie seruientibus et [in perpetuum serui]turis . totum locum qui dicitur Castr' h[yn]iel cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . silicet in terris et in aquis . in pratis et in pascuis in viis et in semitis in uiuariis et in seruuris . in domibus et in masuagiis . in uirgultis et in hortis . in molendinis et in redditibus . et nominatim totum uallem subtus locum de ferrariis iuxta Stubbeswelle plenarie usque in doytum de Perewelle . cum prato et pastura . cum terra et aqua . ad faciendam inde uoluntatem illorum in emendationem ecclesie predictae et preterea totum campum et culturam que uocabatur Menewde cum Lambecotes silicet [de Byl]eis usque ultra Stoni . . . e et ad Asyehegge et Bernardesslade unam acram . et iuxta quarreram j acram quam Raunaldus tenuit et ad Benlarde ij acras et iuxta diuisam de Wakerl' ij acras . et [totum] riffleium de Finnesshaued de magno chemino usque ad essartum Willelmi¹ de Lanualei . et totum essartum de Sethelle et iuxta apud occidentem totum curtum boscum usque in altum boscum de quercu . et iuxta Linleis j acram quam Gunfridus tenuit . et iuxta Aswella tres acras et dimidiam . et ad Cattespath [j] acram et dimidiam . et totam culturam que uocatur Slorte brache . silicet de bosco Pagani et Willelmi Luuet . usque in doytum in ualle versus aquilonem . et quoddam masuagium in Blarewihc in capite pontis uersus aquilonem . quod uocatur Sol[ar]ium cum tribus acris terre iuxta Estmelne et aliis tribus acris iuxta Marewde . eidem masuagio pertinentibus ad luminaria in predicta ecclesia inuenienda . et quandam partem de bosco meo de Laxton' silicet totam illam partem apud orientem usque Lambecotes de uia que iacet de Peietre uersus Wakerl' absque ullo retenemento . et liberum introitum et exitum . et communam pasturam liberam [et] quietam . omnibus aueriis suis tam in iumentis tam in aliis bestiis in bosco et in plano . et in omnibus locis mihi et heredibus meis pertinentibus . et totum escambium quod fecerunt de terris suis cum hominibus meis de Blarewihc et de Laxton' ratum esse . atque in plano . et in bosco meo habeant que necessaria sunt domibus et edificiis et [sepibus eorum et sic]cum ad comburendum absque ullius contradictione . sicut [ul m]² de elemosina mea et patris mei et in quibus apud deum multum confido et salutem anime mee patrisque mei per misericordiam dei spero. Confessi uero et uoui

¹ In original only an initial half-erased which appears to be *W*.

² Almost illegible in original.

pro me et heredibus meis predictam ecclesiam inperpetuum sui iuris esse . et nuncquam alteri ecclesie in subiectionem ponendam . et fratres prenominati habeant libertatem et potestatem . idoneum prelatum eligendum sibi et habendum et fratres liberos et absolutos ad recipiendum . et in suo collegio retinendum. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et fratres in ea deo et gloriose uirgini seruientes . et in perpetuum seruituri habeant et possideant finabiliter hec omnia prescripta in puram et perpetuam elemosinam absque omnibus secularibus seruiciis et exactionibus . bene et in pace . libere et quiete . sicut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius ab aliquo possideri potest. Hec omnia uero predicta et cartam atque donationem Ricardi patris mei . ego Ricardus Engaign' et heredes mei warantizabimus ecclesie predictae et fratribus prenomnatis contra omnes homines . sicut liberam et puram elemosinam nostram. Et ut hec mea donatio et confirmatio perpetue firmitatis robur obtineat eas presenti carta mea confirmaui . et sigilli mei appositione corroboraui. Hiis testibus Simone decano de Laxtona Willelmo persona de Wakerle . Ricardo et Radulfo cappellanis de Blarewihc . Reginaldo cappellano de Laxton' . Willelmo de Lanualeia Roberto de Curtenay . Rogero Moen . Philippo Monaco¹ Iuone filio eius Vitale Eng' Henrico Engaine . Roberto cler² . Ranulfo clerico . Hugone de Sancta Cruce Willelmo de Swihc¹ Galfrido Eng' . Roberto Eng' . Laurenc² . Johanne coco . Ricardo coco . Roberto de Woburne . Auenell' . Daniel . Normanno mercenario . et multis aliis.

[In dorso huius cartae sic annotatur]³

Endorsed: Carta Ricardi secundi de fundacione ecclesie. (*Contemporary.*)

Tercia Carta. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{1}{16}$ in.; green. A wolf running to the sinister, two pieces of a broken spear above and the head of an axe below; ✠ SIGILLVM . RICARDI DENGAIGNE. See Plate III.

The subject of the seal refers to the hunting tenure of Pytchley and Laxton.

This charter is written in a curious hand which has the appearance of deliberate archaism. The warranty and sealing clauses suggest a date not earlier than the end of the 12th century. Richard Engaine is confirming his father's foundation of Fineshade priory and elaborating the original grant. His father, Richard Engaine I, died about 1177. In 1185 he had been dead 8 years and his widow had married Geoffrey Brito and was 50 years old (*Rot. de dominabus*, 24, 27). Richard, the grantor of the present charter, married Sarah, daughter and coheir of William de Chesney, sheriff of Norfolk. He died in 1209 (*Mon.* v. 450). Robert de Courtney, who witnessed this charter, died in the same year, see *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 72-3, where a pedigree of the Engaine family is set out.

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ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xii. 27.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Warin of Bassingbourn giving to Laurence *de Sancto Mauro* in free marriage with Ema² his niece the manor of Claycoton (*Cotes*) beside Lilbourne, Northants., with the advowson (*vocatione*) of the church and all else pertaining to the said manor together with £4 and 16 shillings of rent in Lilbourne, namely: From the tenement of John le mercer 19s. 7d. From John son of Robert 8s. From Richard son of Ysáac 8s. 9d. From William son of Henry 12d. From John Samson 12s. 4d. From William son of

¹ Almost illegible in original.

² *Sic.*

³ Written above the endorsement BS.

Hugh 6s. 8d. From Gilbert son of Geoffrey 8s. 4d. From Roger the clerk 3s. 10½d. From John Scot¹ 10s. 2d. From Alexander the carpenter 12d. From Nicholas the miller 3½d. From William son of Geoffrey 8s. From William de Rowell 8s. To hold of the donor and his heirs to Laurence and Ema and the heirs of the body of Ema with reversion to the donor and his heirs if Laurence and Ema should die without an heir of the body of Ema; rendering yearly one penny at Easter for all service save forinsec service. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Pagano de Chaurces domino Johanne de Mucegros . domino Roberto de Tybetot domino Paterico de Chaurces domino Johanne Russell . domino Baldewino de Bassingeburn' . domino Huone de Plogenet et domino Alexandro de la Dune et multis aliis.' (1265-6.)

No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 1⅜ in.; yellow. Equestrian to dexter, head broken off, sword; no legend. Tag only survives on the original.

The manor of Claycoton and a part of Lilbourne together with other lands in Northants. were held by Thomas de Astley, who was slain fighting against the king at Evesham; the lands were forfeited and on 25 Oct. 1265 granted to Warin de Bassingbourn (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 56). Andrew son and heir of Thomas redeemed them from Warin under the *Dictum de Kenilworth*, and by letters patent of 10 July 1266 the king confirmed to him the lands thus regranted to him by Warin, the regrant not including the advowsons of the churches nor £20 yearly of land in Lilbourne and Claycoton which Warin had given to Laurence de Sancto Medardo (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1258-66, 615). Dugdale (*Baronage*, i. 669) cites Warin's charter to Andrew, then in the possession of Thomas Astley of Wolvey and therefore in proper custody, and says that Andrew paid Warin 320 marks. It should be added that subsequent presentations show the advowson of Claycoton to have remained vested in the Astleys down to the middle of the 15th century (Bridges, i. 549).

I22

Charter of Hugh de Neville demising to Edith Lodham his messuage in Bruestrete, par. of St. Magnus the Martyr, London. (1200-34, probably after 1216)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 B 13.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo de Neuill' concessi et dimisi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Edithe Lodham quoddam mesagium meum in Bruestrete iuxta terram quam Galfridus piscator de me tenet . scilicet quicquid in illo mesagio habui in profunditate et latitudine et rebus cunctis. Habendum et tenendum eidem Edithe et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis in feodo² et in hereditate libere et quiete integre finabiliter. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis pro omni seruicio et exactione et pro omnibus rebus . sexdecim solidos ad duos terminos anni . scilicet ad Pascha octo solidos . et ad festum sancti Michaelis octo solidos. Et sciendum est quod ego Hugo uel heredes mei non potuerimus dehospitare predictam Editham uel heredes suos causa me uel heredes meos uel aliquem alium hominem uel feminam ibidem hospitandi. Pro hac autem concessione et carte mee presentis confirmacione . dedit mihi predicta Editha in gersumia xliiij^{or} solidos. Et ego Hugo et heredes mei warantizabimus predictae Edithe et heredibus suis predictum mesagium contra omnes

¹ Scott BS.

² *fedo* BS.

homines et contra omnes feminas secundum legem ciuitatis Lond'. Hiis testibus Johanne de Neuill' . Willelmo de Watewill' . Willelmo Walense . Willelmo Cwete . Galfrido piscatore . Gileberto Bruno . Radulfo Bruno . Alfredo de Kent . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Parochia Sancti Magni Lon'. (15th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; brown. A man standing, rounded helmet and sword, fighting a lion on the right;¹ ✠ SIGILLVM VGOON LLVA

The grantor was Hugh de Neville, the king's forester (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 479 et seq.). He married before 30 Apr. 1200 Joan daughter and heir of Henry of Cornhill, and the property here dealt with was no doubt part of his wife's inheritance; she was dead in Apr. 1230 when Hugh had married a second wife, and he died shortly before 21 July 1234. This charter can hardly be earlier than 1200, and if, as is probable but not certain, the first witness is Hugh's son and heir it must be substantially later.

I23

Charter of Roger, bishop of Worcester, granting to Southwark priory the land which Gerard the tanner holds in the soke of Worcester. (1164-79)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 I 35.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Nouerit uniuersitas fidelium quod ego Rogerus gracia dei Wigorniensis episcopus concedo conuentui ecclesie sancte Marie de Sutwerch' illam terram quam Gerardus tanarius tenet in socca Wigorniensis reddendo inde singulis annis octodecim denarios finabiliter in media quadragesima . quam soror eorum Cristina contulit secum in predictam ecclesiam. Teste magistro Bartolomeo Exoniensi episcopo et Galfrido Blundo bailiuo suo eiusdem socche . magistro Petro Picot² . magistro Petro de Mandauill' . Petro filio Ricardi . Waltero filio Driu . Henrico de Tanton . Nicolao eius³ cognato.

Endorsed: Karta concessionis . Rogeri Wigorniensis episcopi. (12th century.)

SEAL on tag:⁴ pointed oval, $3 \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; brown. The bishop standing in mass vestments, blessing, crozier in left hand; [R]OGERVS . DE : GRACIA WIGORNI[ANSI]S . EPO (sic for EPC).

COUNTERSEAL: oval, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{7}{8}$ in. A gem, a seated figure on right and standing figure on left; [SECRET]VM ROGERI.

The only indication of date is the episcopate of the grantor, who was consecrated on 23 Aug. 1164 and died 9 Aug. 1179. The bishop of Worcester had a soke in London, which was apparently formed out of the eastern portion of Edredshythe or Queenhithe and given to the see by King Alfred (*W. Page, London*, 131-2).

St. Mary's Southwark being a house of Augustinian canons, the position of Cristina is somewhat perplexing. We are indebted to Professor Hamilton Thompson for the following observations:

'Soror eorum cannot refer to anybody but the prior and convent, and conferre secum implies, I should say, a good deal more than confraternity. The only thing I can suggest is that Cristina gave herself and her property to the canons, probably at the foundation of the priory, and remained part of the establishment, perhaps enclosed as an "ankress", or as a sister in a hospital attached to it. There is an old tradition

¹ See *CP*, ut sup. 479, n. b.

² Picott BS.

³ meo BS.

⁴ Cf. BM 2275, obv. only. Now missing from original.

that the priory succeeded a community of women on the site, and this may point to some foundation in fact for the legend. In any case, attempts at combining communities of canons and nuns on the system which had some success in Gilbertine houses were not infrequent in the early part of the 12th century, as in the early Arroasian and Premonstratensian monasteries and in isolated instances, such as the double house at Marton-in-Galtres, of which the female portion migrated to Moxby. It is certainly not unlikely that, if a double house was not actually attempted at Southwark, Cristina and her household were allowed to reside for life in the monastery precincts and engage in pious duties.'

I24

Charter of Geoffrey Ridel confirming to John de Stuteville all the tenement which John holds of his fee. If some fee or inheritance come to John for which he ought to do liege homage, he may do it saving his service to Geoffrey. (circa 1160)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 D 8.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 457. Commented on, Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 30 and n.

SEAL (upside-down on tag):¹ round, c. 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; light brown. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, no shield; **Æ** **ŀ** GIR

I25

Charter of Roger de Bray quitclaiming to St. Andrew's priory, Northampton, all the forinsec service of the land in Foxley, Northants., given to the priory by Othbert and his son Adelulf; and also giving to the priory all his part of the wood in Horton which is called Purnho. (circa 1200)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus de Brai . annuente Margeria uxore mea et Milone filio meo et herede pro salute animarum² et antecessorum nostrorum ⁊ quietum clamaui monachis ecclesie sancti Andree de Norhant' in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum forinsecum seruitium quod pertinet ad terram quam habent in Foxleia ex dono Othberti et Adelulfi filii sui. Quare uolo et concedo et firmiter precipio . ut predicti monachi prefatam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis teneant libere et honorifice et quiete ab omni exactione et consuetudine et seruitio seculari ⁊ sicut ulla elemosina melius et liberius teneri potest. Preterea . dedi et concessi prefatis monachis in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam partem meam in bosco de Horton qui dicitur Purnho. Hanc autem donacionem et concessionem meam tam in bosco prefato quam de terra predicta ⁊ ego et heredes mei predictis monachis contra omnes homines in perpetuum warantizabimus. Hanc autem donationem et concessionem meam . ut firma et stabilis in perpetuum permaneat ⁊ presenti scripto et sigilli mei testimonio confirmaui. His testibus Henrico filio Petri de Norhant' . Rogero Thorpel .

¹ BM 6366; the legend is there read **GI** **UFRIDI**

. ² Sic.

Petro Malesoures Stephano de Clai . Petro de Neuton' . Simone de Maidewell' . Roberto Lupo . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; brown. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, shield with pointed boss; ✠ SIGILLU' . ROGERI . DE . BRAY. Cf. BM 5747 or 5749

Miles de Bray the son died 1212–13 (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 1608) and it seems probable that Roger died *c.* 1205 (*BHRS* xiii. 320). The first witness acted as a judge in 1202 and survived till at least 1215 and several others among the witnesses appear on the Assize Roll of 1202 (*NRS* v). The form of the charter makes a date much before 1200 unlikely. The original gift of Othbert and his son was earlier than 1122, being confirmed by a charter of Henry I which probably passed at Easter 1122 (*Mon.* v. 192). In the St. Andrew's cartulary (Cotton MS. Vespas. E xvii, f. 143) are a number of charters confirming this same gift including the present one and one of Miles de Bray; in one of these Othbert is called 'de Mera'. The wood of Purnho is also mentioned in the cartulary under Horton (ff. 75v and 76), and is described as 'Sithene Pornho iuxta boscum Simonis comitis'.

126

Charter of Maud de Auberville granting, with the advice and consent of her son Hugh, to Boxley abbey, Kent, 35 acres of marsh between the water channel of her mill at Sandwich and the land of Woodnesborough, Kent, for the purpose of protecting and draining the land of the abbey. (1196–1213)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 E 33.

BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words.

Nouerint presentes et futuri quod ego Matildis de Auberuill' . consilio et assensu Hugonis filii mei fide ipsius et mea interposita . concessi . et hac carta mea confirmaui monachis de Boxleia¹ . totum mariscum a fletu molendini nostri de Sandwico usque ad terram de Wodnesberge . scilicet xxxv acras et dimidiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . pratis uidelicet . wallis et fletis . cum libera esseaweria ubi melius poterint saluare terram suam per medium salsum mariscum nostrum qui exterius iacet . cum terra etiam exterius sumenda ad wallas faciendas et reficiendas . integre . libere et quiete . plenarie honorifice et pacifice . tenendum de me et heredibus meis hereditarie . per xxiiij solidos et viij denarios annuatim reddendos nobis et heredibus nostris ad duos terminos anni . scilicet . xj solidos et x denarios infra octauas sancti Michaelis et xj solidos et x denarios infra octauas Pasche pro omni seruicio super ipsum tenementum pacandos. Ad successionem uero heredum Hugonis de Auberuill' . dabunt predicti monachi dimidiam marcam de releuio. Et sciendum quod ego et heredes mei warantizabimus prefatis monachis predictum mariscum per prenomiatum seruitium de omnibus aliis seruiciis et demandis / contra omnes homines. Pro hac autem concessione / dederunt mihi predicti monachi xl solidos in gersuma. Hiis testibus . Willelmo abbate de Ponte Roberti . Dunstano priore de Sancto Gregorio Cant' . magistro Firmino . Ricardo Rudien . Jacobo et Willelmo sacerdotibus de Sandwico . Roberto de Gosehale . Henrico de Sandwico . Roberto de Fleg' . Henrico Taunere . Willelmo de Bo-

¹ *Bol'* BS.

klaund' . Jordano de Ruberge . Thoma filio eius . Angero de Sandwico . Wiberto de Sandwico . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Sandwic v. (15th–16th century.)

Matildis de Alberuill' de marisco de Sandwico. (*Contemporary.*)

Matildis de Alberuill' de marisco de Sandwico. (*13th century.*)

SEAL on cord: pointed oval, $2\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; green. A lady standing in a gown with long false sleeves; a hawk on her left wrist; background diapered with sprigs; ✠ SIGILLUM . MATILDIS . DE . AVBERVILÆ.

BM 6569

William de Auberville with the consent of his wife Maud founded Langdon abbey *circa* 1192 (*Mon.* vi. 898). He was succeeded by his son Hugh, who in 1221 had in his turn been succeeded by his son William, then under age (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 1506). The elder William was living in 1195 (*PR* 7 Ric. I, 241) but dead before Michaelmas 1196, when scutage was due from his heirs (*PR* 8 Ric. I, 288); in 1202 Maud occurs as holding land in Swingfield (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, ii. 121). This charter must be later than the death of Maud's husband, but earlier than the election of Richard of Osney, who in 1213 succeeded Dunstan as prior of St. Gregory, Canterbury (*VCH Kent*, ii. 159).

I27

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 C 25.

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Notification by Theobald son of Theobald de Verdoun that he has quitclaimed to Hugh le Despenser, the elder, all right and claim in the manor of Bisley, Gloucs. (*Byselegh'*), with the advowson of the church of the said manor, and in the hundred of Bisley. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus dominis Johanne Hastang Johanne de Haudlo . Willelmo de Dene Johanne Tany Roberto Darcy tunc vicecomite Glouc' Johanne de Haudlo de Strete vicecomite Kanc' militibus Martino de Fyssheacre Thoma le Botiller Ricardo Darcy Nicholao de Anney et aliis.' Westminster: 1 Nov. 1313.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag:¹ round, $2\frac{5}{8}$ in.; red; broken at one side. *Obv.*: equestrian, closed helmet with barred visor, surcoat, sword, shield and trappings charged fretty; diapered background; ✠ SIG[IL]LUM THEOBALDI [DE VERDVN]. *Rev.*: shield of arms with rounded base, fretty; suspended from a tree, a lion on either side and a bird perching on the dexter corner; ✠ CONSTAB[V]L[AR]I[X : HI]B[ER]NIE.

For Theobald de Verdun see *CP*, 1st ed. viii. 24–5; for Hugh le Despenser, *ibid.* 2nd ed. iv. 262–6.

I28

Charter of Robert of Bedfont, son of Thorold of Bedfont, confirming and warranting to Thomas de Haverill the gift of the village of West Bedfont, Middx., which Richard de Heriet made to the said Thomas. (circa 1200)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 G 67.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Bedefont' filius Thoroldi de Bedef' concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui Thome de Hauerill' donationem et concessionem et dimissionem quam Ricardus de Heriet ei fecit de uilla de Westbedefont'

¹ Apparently his father's seal, BM 6495; attached to the Barons' letter to the Pope (Howard de Walden, *Some Feudal Lords and their Seals*, p. 45, and cf. p. xxxii for the bird on each corner of the shield).

cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Habendam et tenendam eidem Thome et heredibus suis de predicto Ricardo et de heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate libere quiete honorifice bene et in pace integre finabiliter sicut carta testatur quam idem Tomas habet de predicto Ricardo. Ita quod nec ego Robertus predictus nec heredes mei nec aliquis per nos uel pro nobis pro aliquo casu qui possit contingere in predicta uilla de Westbedefont' nec in omnibus pertinentiis suis aliquid poterimus nec debemus habere nec exigere neque capere in perpetuum. Hanc autem terram prenominatam totam integre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ego Robertus predictus et heredes mei finabiliter warantizabimus eidem Tome et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas. Pro hac igitur concessione et warantisione et presentis carte mee confirmatione / idem Thomas dedit mihi unam marcam sterlingorum. Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Wyndesor' . Ricardo de Heriet . Ricardo de Sifrewast' . magistro Jocelino mariscallo . Willelmo de Suhall' . Waltero de Greneford' . Waltero de la Poille . Clemente de Sanderdone . Willelmo Rilfo . Henrico filio Ailwin' maiore Lond' . Petro filio eius . Willelmo de Hauerill . Jacobo filio eius . Rogero filio Alani . Willelmo filio Reineri . Henrico fratre eius . Alano filio Petri . Goce fratre eius . Andrea Neucl' . Roberto filio Aliz . Willelmo de Berking' . Petro Duce Rogero fratre eius . Toma Gangeshid' . Willelmo Longoauo . Willelmo filio Benedicti . Toma Bukerel.

Endorsed: Carta Roberti de Bedefonte . . . (13th century.)

SEAL: round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; light-brown. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, shield; ✠ SIGILLU'. I : DE B Now missing from the original.

In the Michaelmas term 1200 Robert son of Thorold of Bedfont restored to his lord Richard of Herriard half the village of Bedfont recovered against Henry of Bedfont as a result of a final concord in the king's court. Richard gave Robert 30 marks and promised that he and his heirs would pay Robert a mark every Easter for clothes; payment to cease on Robert's death (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, i. 353). Richard of Herriard offered a half mark for the enrolment of this grant upon the Pipe Roll. The entry appears on the roll for 1 John, 1199 (p. 130), which was probably still open when the agreement was made at Michaelmas 1200. Richard of Herriard must thereupon have given or sold the land to Thomas de Haverill and the present charter was an assurance necessary to complete the transaction.

129

Charter of Odo de Danmartin, son of Odo de Danmartin, giving to Tandrige priory, Surr., half an acre of land of La Brome in Chipstead, Surr. (1219-26)

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

PRINTED in abbreviated form from Harl. MS. 2044, p. 114 in A. Heales, *Hist. of Tandrige Priory*, 102.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Odo de Danmartin filius Odonis de Danmartin dedi ac concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui pro salute anime mee et pro animabus patris et matris mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum deo et hospitali sancti Jacobi de Tenregge et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus dimidiam acram terre de La Brome in uilla mea de Chepestede quam Alfricus Sopere tenuit de me cum domibus que sunt super ipsam terram. Habendam et tenendam eidem hospitali et fratribus

eiusdem hospitalis de me et de heredibus meis in perpetuam elemosinam finabiliter libere et quiete ab omni seruicio et seculari exactione. Et ego et heredes mei debemus warantizare prefato hospitali et fratribus eiusdem hospitalis predictam terram cum pertinentiis contra omnes homines et contra omnes feminas. Ut autem hec donatio concessio et confirmatio mea rata sit et stabilis inperpetuum . eam presenti carta mea atque sigillo meo confirmaui. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Danmartin . Roberto Bernard . Radulfo de Pimp . Roberto filio Pagani . Willelmo de Sancto Johanne Petro de Talewrth' . Ada de Talewrth' . Eustachio de Wlkest' Willelmo de Noua terra et pluribus aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{1}{16}$ in.; green. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, long surcoat, sword, shield charged with a fess and a chief vair; **SIGILLU' : hOL[?] A . MARTIN**

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, probably burelly a chief vair; **S . EVDONIS DE DANMARTIN**; legend broken by a leopard's face at top, bottom, and either side.

The hospital, afterwards priory of Tandridge, was founded about 1200 by Odo de Danmartin, son of William de Danmartin (*Mon.* vi. 604). The founder was living at the end of 1218, for another charter of his (*ibid.*) is witnessed by Thomas de Wllst, prior of Merton, who was installed on 11 Nov. 1218. The present grantor is the son and successor of the founder. He was dead by 9 Feb. 1226 (final concord, printed by Heale, *op. cit.* 103).

EX AUTOGRAPHO PENES WILLELMI HOWARD MILITEM BALNEI

130

Charter of Nicholas son of Robert de Stafford and Robert his son and heir confirming to Bernard, the prior, and the canons of Kenilworth the church of Stone, Staffs., the land held by Brisard in Stone, and the moiety of all the wood pertaining to the manor of Walton, Staffs., as Enisan and Ernald his son sold it to Geoffrey of Glympton, Oxon., to the use of the said church; also the land in Walton which Alan son-in-law of Enisan sold in like manner to Geoffrey. Stone, 18 Oct. (1130-2)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Staffordshire Collections* (W. Salt Soc.), ii. 204, from the Stone cartulary. *Mon.* vi. 232, 'ex rotulo pervetusto in Bibl. Hattoniana'.

Ego Nicholaus filius Roberti de Statfort et Robertus primogenitus et heres meus . pro animabus nostris et parentum nostrorum . pro incolumitate regis Henrici et statu regni ipsius concedimus in elemosinam Bernardo priori de Cheningowrda et canonicis suis ecclesiam sancti Wlfati de Stanis que est de feodo nostro cum omnibus suis pertinentiis liberam et quietam in perpetuum de omni seruicio et consuetudine et exactione seculari ad nos pertinente. Preterea concedimus in elemosinam eidem ecclesie eadem libertate totam terram quam tenuerat Brisardus in Stanes . scilicet waram et dimidiam cum cotelandis . et insuper medietatem tocius nemoris quod pertinet Waletone manerio .

sicut Enisanus et Ernaldus filius eius Gaufrido de Glint' ad opus predictę ecclesie uendiderunt. Concedimus quoque in elemosinam et simili libertate in Waletona manerio totam terram quam Alanus gener Enisani et uxor eius filia eiusdem Enisani predicto Gaufrido similiter ad opus prefate ecclesie uendiderunt . scilicet unam warum et duas cotelandas cum dominio et prato que Enisanus predictę filie sue in matrimonium dederat. Nouerint etiam tam posteri quam presentes quod Enisanus et Ernaldus filius eius qui de nobis Waletonam manerium in feodo tenuerant . prefatam ecclesiam cum supranominatis terris et medietate nemoris in elemosinam prius eisdem canonicis concesserant . et de omni seruitio et consuetudine et exactione et omni re ad eos pertinente ex toto liberos et quietos clamauerant. Nos quoque ipsis presentibus absque omni contradictione & calumpnia hanc ipsorum donationem confirmauimus. Preterea quicumque de nostro feodo aliquid beneficium siue in terris siue in decimis siue in aliis quibuslibet rebus prefate ecclesie per nos conferre uoluerit ⁊ concedimus et eadem libertate confirmamus. Precipimus itaque super forisfacturam nostram ne aliquis ex nostris de sibi concessis seu concedendis . siue in bosco siue in plano . siue in pratis siue in pascuis seu in aquis . seu in quolibet alio ⁊ quicquam detrahat . uel diminuat . uel inquietat . sed omnia sua perpetua pace habeant . et absolute et libere et quiete et firmiter teneant. Hanc cartam in ecclesia de Stanes .xv. Kalendas Nouembris confirmauimus et super altare imposuimus. Huius concessionis et confirmationis sunt testes . Robertus archidiaconus de Statfort . Florentius prior de Wich . Robertus filius Stemfin¹ . Godwinus de Gnoweshala . Aldewinus presbiter . Inisan de Waletona . Robertus filius Odonis . Ranulfus filius Liolfi . Robertus filius Normanni . Sanson filius Dunnewal . Ivo Pantulf . Radulfus filius Briani . Walterus filius Willelmi . Herueus filius Bagot . Robertus de Constantin . Iugan . Ricardus Meuerel . Herueius le cras . Gerardus . et Walterus de Stanes.

Two SEALS: both round and fragmentary, drawn in an Elizabethan or Jacobean style: (i) on a strip projecting downwards from left hand of document: a woman on horseback in a long skirt and brandishing a sword; (ii) on a strip also projecting downwards from bottom of document beside the first: a man in Elizabethan armour on horseback, brandishing a sword. A riband is cut in the usual fashion along the bottom of the document to about 1 in. from the strips projecting for the seals.

The grantor was the son of Robert of Stafford, the Domesday tenant-in-chief. The charter of Enisan of Walton, here confirmed, is printed in *Mon.* vi. 231 and was made in the presence of Roger of Glympton, bishop of Chester or Lichfield, who was consecrated 22 Dec. 1129. A charter of Henry I, printed in *Staff. Coll.* (W. Salt Soc.), ii. 207, shows Enisan of Walton who witnesses the present charter to have been dead by 2 Aug. 1133.

¹ *Sic for Steinfin.*

ADHUC EX CARTIS ANTEDICTI HENRICI ST. GEORGE
MILITIS

131

Charter of William, the advocate of St. Vedast of Arras and lord of Béthune and Tenremonde, giving to David of Hackleton various tenements in Grimsbury, Northants. (1200-13; probably 1209-13)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 E 30.

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus Atrebatu aduocatus Betonie et Teremundie dominus dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Daudid de Hakelintona pro homagio et seruicio suo duas uirgatas terre in Grimesbir'. unam scilicet quam Ricardus melendinarius [*sic*] de me tenuit cum toto masagio . et cum tota crofta que pertinet ad predictam uirgatam terre . que crofta est iuxta masagium Ailwini Bagge . et aliam uirgatam terre quam Osbertus de me tenuit cum masagio et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . item dedi et concessi predicto Daudid unum masagium quod Ricardus molendinarius tenuit de me simul cum una crofta que pertinet ad predictum masagium item dedi et concessi eidem Daudid aliam croftam illam scilicet quam Osbertus filius Willelmi tenuit de me . scilicet illas duas croftas que iacent inter masagium Osberti et aquam que uocatur Charewelle. Habendas et tenendas sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis libere . et quiete . et pacifice . et iure hereditario cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum omnibus libertatibus . in pratis . in pascuis . in aquis in semitis . in villa et extra villam sine aliquo retenemento . reddendo inde mihi uel heredibus meis . in quolibet anno x solidos pro omni seruitio ad me uel ad heredes meos spectante ad hos terminos . ad Pascha scilicet v solidos et v solidos ad festum sancti Michaelis . saluo forinseco seruitio quod pertinet ad predictas terras. Et ut hec mea donatio et concessio perpetua gaudeat stabilitate ⁊ presentis scripti testimonio . et sigilli mei munimine roborauit. His testibus Simone de Pateshull' . Galtero de Prestona . Willelmo Grimbald . Ricardo de Grimescote . Johanne de Hulcote Galtero de Pateshull' . Rogero de Luuis . Hugone de Creatona . Galtero de Insula . Hugone de Phuichetona . Radulfo de Cotesdena . Galfrido de Gaitona.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Equestrian, chain coif and hauberk, sword with criss-cross markings as if in scabbard, shield with arms as on counterseal; SIGI CARTI EREMVDI

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, six bendlets surmounted by two bars; ✠ SECRETVM . WILLM' . ADVOCATI BM 19313

The Northamptonshire fees of the family of Béthune are dealt with by Farrer in his account of the honor of Chokes (*HKF* i. 22-6); for an elaborate history of the family see A. Duchesne, *Hist. généalogique de la Maison de Béthune* (1639), with an account of the present donor at pp. 167-76.

William, who held Tenremonde in right of his wife, succeeded as advocate of Arras and lord of Béthune on the death of his elder brother Robert, which occurred in 1193 or 1194, probably on 29 Apr. 1194

(Duchesne, *op. cit.* 148 and 'Preuves', 52). William himself died 13 Apr. 1213 (*ibid.* 175–6; 'Preuves', 92 and 94). The Pipe Rolls show him to have been out of possession of these English lands from his accession, there being in particular a yearly render of the farm of Grimsbury by the sheriff, until in 1200 he figures as owing £100 for having seisin (*PR 2 John*, 61); this gives possible limits of date 1200–13. He was, however, absent on crusade from 1203 to 1205 and thereafter does not seem to have had effective possession till 1209 (Farrer, *op. cit.* i. 25). Moreover, Simon of Pattishall who heads the list of witnesses did not become the advocate's tenant till 1209, when he received a grant of Rothersthorpe (*ibid.* 44). The witness Walter of Pattishall was Simon's son. The more probable limits are therefore 1209–13.

I32

Charter of Walter de Camville granting to William de Foleville all the land of his father William de Foleville, namely, three virgates in Crick, Northants., and three virgates in Swinford, Leics. (Henry II)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 G 16.

BS FACSIMILE.

Walterus de Kamuill' . omnibus hominibus suis . et amicis . Francis . et Anglis . presentibus et futuris ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse . et hac carta mea confirmasse ⁊ Willelmo de Foleuill' ⁊ totam terram patris sui . Willelmi . scilicet . de Foleuill' . quam ei dederam de dominico meo . scilicet . tres uirgatas terre in Crec . et tres in Suneford' ⁊ Tenendam de me et heredibus meis ⁊ ipse . et heredes sui ⁊ integre . libere . et quiete pro omni seruicio ad me pertinenti ⁊ dimidiam marc iargenti . annuatim redendo. Huius uero concessionis et confirmationis sunt testes ⁊ Gaufridus de Kamuill' . Walterus de Kamuill' . clericus . Gaufridus filius Hamonis . Adam filius eius . et Simon filius Hamonis . Radulfus de Hedd' . et Willelmus filius eius . Gaufridus de Hedd' . Walterus de Sturmewrk' . Horm de Holt.

Endorsed: Creke. (15th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; yellow. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield;

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BM 6137

In the Northamptonshire Survey Roger de Camville held three hides and a half and one great virgate in Crick of Roger de Mowbray (*VCH Northants.* i. 379); at Michaelmas 1130 he was dead and Geoffrey de Trailli made fine for his widow and for the wardship of his son until he attained the age of 20 (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 88). Since Nigel d'Aubigny, Roger de Mowbray's father, died later in Nov. 1129, this entry must represent the position at the beginning of 1130 or later. In Domesday Book both Crick and Swinford were held by Geoffrey de Wirce, Mowbray's 'antecessor'. In 1166 Walter de Camville held nine fees of the old feoffment of Roger de Mowbray (*RB* 419), and he occurs on the Northamptonshire Pipe Roll of 1167 in connexion with Cranford (*PR 13 Hen. II*, 119). Early in Henry II's reign Roger son of Walter de Camville witnessed two contemporaneous charters for Nuneaton priory (Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, Nos. 327, 328); as Ives de Harcourt is among the witnesses they are probably not later than 1166. In a charter of the late 12th century Roger de Camville at the desire of his father Walter confirmed lands in Theddingworth, Leics., to Leicester abbey (Stenton, *op. cit.*, No. 420). In 1232–3 Crick was held of Nigel de Mowbray by the heirs of Roger de Camville (*Fees*, 1467). From the above we can infer that Walter was the son of the first Roger, and since there was clearly only one Walter the identity of the grantor is certain. The family of the grantee gave its name to Ashby Folville, Leics.

I33

Notification by Adam de Port addressed to the bishop of Lincoln that he has granted the church of Cockayne Hatley, Beds., to James of Hampton. (Early Henry II, possibly late Stephen)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 I 44.

BS: FACSIMILE, first two words.

PRINTED: *BHRS* vii. 169 with notes.

Notum sit domino episcopo Lincoliensi et archidiaconis suis decanis et ceteris clericis et omnibus hominibus meis tam Francis quam Anglicis quod ego Adam de Port concessi et dedi Jacobo de Hantona ecclesiam¹ de Hattele in elemosinam cum omnibus libertatibus et beneficiis et cum omnibus illis que ad predictam ecclesiam¹ pertinent. Testibus his . Hernul de Mandeuile . et domina Alicia uxore sua . et domina Matiltide² uxore predicti Ade de Port . et Henrico de Port fratre suo . Galfrido de Mandeuile . Waltero de Bareuile . Stefano de Hantona . Hugone de Cormelles . Alano de Matem . Rogero de Cormelles . Roberto filio Geroldi.

No endorsement.

SEAL upside down on tag: round, c. 2¼ in.; light-brown. Equestrian, round-topped helmet, sword, heater shield; ✠ SI BM 6340

The donor was Adam de Port of Mapledurwall, Hants, a family to be distinguished from that of Port of Basing. The first witness is Ernulf de Mandeville, son of Geoffrey de Mandeville, first earl of Essex. Ernulf was disinherited, presumably as a sharer in his father's crimes, see Round, *Geoffrey of Mandeville*, 228–33. Maud, his daughter, married Adam de Port, the donor, see F. T. Wethered, *St. Mary's Hurley*, 92. The witness Geoffrey de Mandeville is probably Ernulf's son and heir. It is possible, however, that he is the younger son of the first earl, himself created earl of Essex by Henry II in 1156. The church is Hatley Port, now Cockayne Hatley, Beds.

I34

Memorandum of an agreement between Margaret de Ros and William of Windsor touching a mill at Grayrigg, Westm. (26 Dec. 1276)

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Nouerint uniuersi quod cum mota esset contencio inter Margaretam de Ros unam heredum Petri de Bruys ex parte una et Willelmum de Wyndeshou' ex altera de quodam molendino leuato in Grarig per eundem Willelmum per quod secta quam tenentes ipsius Willelmi de Grarig facere solebant ad molendinum ipsius Margarete de Patton' subtrahebatur ut ipsa Margareta dicebat . et unde placitum motum fuit inter eosdem in curia domini Regis per breue . dicta contencio inter eosdem die sancti Stephani anno regni Regis Edwardi quinto in hac forma amicabiliter conquieuit . videlicet quod dicta Margareta concessit pro se et heredibus suis dicto Willelmo et

¹ *ecclesiam* BS.

² *sic.*

heredibus suis quod illud molendinum quod dictus Willelmus leuauit in Grarig stet in perpetuum in loco quo situm est uel in alio loco in Grarig reedificetur et hoc tam de consensu dicte Margarete uel heredum suorum quam dicti Willelmi uel heredum suorum si viderint expedire. Et pro ista concessione . concessit dictus Willelmus pro se et heredibus suis quod dicta Margareta et heredes sui habeant . in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . medietatem dicti molendini cum medietate tocus multure commoditatis et tocus exitus de molendino predicto proueniencium et eciam dicto molendino sine contradictione dicti Willelmi et heredum suorum pertinencium. Ita quod dictus Willelmus et heredes sui habeant aliam medietatem dicti molendini et tocus exitus eiusdem molendini sicut predictum est sine contradictione dicte Margarete uel heredum suorum in perpetuum. Preterea idem Willelmus et heredes sui piscariam totius dicti molendini et stagni eiusdem omnimodam et integram habeant in perpetuum. Et dictus Willelmus et heredes sui molent bladum suum ad predictum molendinum de gwaneria proprie caruce sue unius et triginta carucarum annuatim de precariis in Grarig . et proprium bladum suum ex alibi ueniens ad propriam mensam suam apud Grarig sine multura. Et dicta Margareta et heredes sui molent bladum suum ad dictum molendinum de Grarig ad propriam mensam suam . ubicunque fuerint et quocienscunque uoluerint sine multura. Et omnes homines dicti Willelmi uel heredum suorum de Grarig molent blada sua ad molendinum predictum de Grarig ad tertium decimum vas sicut molere consueuerunt ad molendinum de Patton'. Set homines dicti Willelmi et heredum suorum de Grarig tenentes per cartam omnes et singuli quicunque fuerint molent blada sua ad molendinum de Patton' sicut molere consueuerunt sine contradictione dicti Willelmi uel heredum suorum inperpetuum. Et dicta Margareta et heredes sui inuenient boscum ad meremium dicti molendini sustinendi et reparandi in haya de Kirkeby. Et dictus Willelmus et heredes sui dictum meremium sumptibus suis propriis cariabunt. Et tam dicta Margareta et heredes sui . quam dictus Willelmus et heredes sui dictum molendinum de communi commoditate eiusdem molendini exeunte uel ad eundem molendinum pertinente communiter ut predictum est sustinebunt et reparabunt commoditates et exitus eiusdem molendini quoscunque provenientes ut predictum est . nulla parte contradicente . communiter recipientes in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium ambe partes huic scripto cirograffato alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus Rogero de Loncast' . Ranulfo de Daker Michaele de Hartecla tunc vicecomite Westmerland' . Thomas de Mussegrap . Henrico de Staueley militibus . Willelmo de Lindesey . Willelmo de Stirkel Gileberto de Qwyteby Radulfo de Patton' Thoma de Derley Rogero de Burnoluish' . Gileberto filio suo . Henrico clerico et aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $2\frac{1}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green. A lady standing, three water bougets in pale on her long dress, and holding two shields, dexter three water bougets [Ros], sinister, a lion rampant [Brus]; ✠ S' MARGARETA (sic) . DE ROS.

Margaret wife of Robert de Ros of Wark was one of the four sisters and coheirs of Peter de Brus who died in 1272 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 800). Two subsequent inquisitions of 20 Apr. 1274 and 11 Sept. 1275 contain findings as to the wrongful erection of this mill by William of Windsor while the land which was part of Margaret's purparty was in the king's hand (*ibid.* ii, Nos. 70 and 135). See also *EYC* ii. 15.

I35

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 G 39.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Charter of Robert de Guisnes (*Ghynes*), knight, giving to Fulk Basset, bishop of London, all the manor of Tolleshunt, Ess. (*Toleshunt*), and all the manor of Little Holland, Ess. (*Hoylaund*), which manors he had of the gift of his brother Baldwin, count of Guisnes, together with the service of Henry de Merk and other tenants; to hold to the said Fulk and his heirs or to whomever he may give, sell, or assign, except houses of religion, he doing the forinsec service and rendering scutage. Warranty clause; for all which Fulk gave the donor £460 sterling. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . dominis Philippo Basset . Gileberto de Saunford' . Petro de Thany Radulfo de Arden' . Nicholao de Saunford' . Ricardo Fyllol . Ricardo de Thany . Rogero de Hardebrg' . Roberto de Seuaunz . Waltero de Bilhesworth' . Hugone le Gros . Willelmo Diue . Rogero de Saunford' . Laurencio de Saunford . Johanne de Aungr' clerico . et aliis.' (1248.)

Endorsed: Carta de Tolleshunte et Hoyland. (14th century.)

SEAL on red silk cord: round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; yellow-brown. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, sword and shield charged with a chief vair; ✠ S' DOMI ROBERTI . DE . GHINES.

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; yellow-brown. Shield of arms, a chief vair; ✠ S' ROBERTI * : DE : GHINES : BM 6062

For the earlier history of these two manors see No. 85. Two documents in the Record Office also deal with this transaction: Ancient Deed A 514 is another charter of Robert de Guisnes giving these two manors to the bishop; it is less elaborate in phraseology though identical in substance with the present charter, and a number of witnesses are common to both, though the two lists differ materially. Ancient Deed A 508 is a letter from Robert to his men of Little Holland informing them that he has given the manor to the bishop and ordering them to attorn to him; it is dated at Tolleshunt on 17 Aug. 1248. The fact that both A 514 and A 508 are witnessed by the abbot of St. John's Colchester, the prior of Hatfield, and the precentor and two canons of St. Paul's, London, leaves no doubt that they are contemporaneous. The present charter seems to be an elaborated version of A 514, but seven witnesses are common to both and it can hardly be much later.

I36

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 B 30.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Isabel d'Aubigny (*de Albiniaco*) giving to master Henry of Chesham (*Cestreham*) for his homage and service all her land and tenement of Cotes. To hold to him and his heirs or assigns of her and her heirs, rendering therefor yearly a pound of pepper at Easter for all service save the forinsec service due to the king. Warranty clause. In consideration of this Henry has acquitted her towards Aaron the Jew of York and has redeemed her charter and the charter of William her son for £115 sterling and has discharged the whole of her debt. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Nicolao Peyure . Nicholao de Tingrie . Bartholomeo de Bray . Roberto de Bray filio suo . Nigello de Chalton' . Johanne Shwift . Hugone de Maidenebir' . Johanne Harenc . Nicholao le Eyr . et aliis.' (1252-63.)

Endorsed: Confirmacio Isabal' de Albiniaco quam fecit magistro Henrico de Cestreham. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. A lady standing, a bird on her left hand; ✠ S' ISABELLE . DE . AUB . NIACO : [*sic* for ALBIGNIACO]. BM 6571

For the circumstances of this charter see *BHRS* xix. 145. Isabel was the sister and coheir of Robert d'Aubigny of Cainhoe, who died in 1233, and the charter illustrates the break up of the Cainhoe barony due to division among coheiresses and to the debts with which it was encumbered. At her brother's death Isabel was already married to William of Houghton, the father of her son here mentioned, which latter

took the name of d'Aubigny. He died in 1235, and at an unknown date she married Dreux de Préaux who died in 1252. As an heiress she is unlikely to have remained long unmarried after the death of her first husband; in addition, as her son had executed a charter to Aaron he must have been of age. The witnesses, too, suggest a date after rather than before 1250, and it would seem that this charter can safely be referred to her second widowhood. She died in 1263. It is doubtful whether Cotes is Eastcotes in Cardington or Westcotes in Wilshamstead. For Henry of Chesham see note to No. 93.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words. Indented.

Charter of Milicent de Monte Alto in her widowhood giving all her land in Batcombe, Dors. (*Bateccombe*), to Nicholas Poynz son and heir of Hugh Poynz in free marriage with Elizabeth her daughter, to hold to Nicholas and Elizabeth and the heirs of Elizabeth lawfully begotten by the yearly render of a chaplet of roses at Midsummer for all service except the forinsec service. Warranty clause. If Nicholas and Elizabeth shall die without an heir lawfully begotten of her body the land shall revert to Milicent or her heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Alano Plokenet . Johanne Mautrauers . Henrico Lortyay . Gerardo Saluein . Petro de Wakerle militibus . dominis Johanne la Zousche Roberto Russel . Johanne de Castretone clericis . Willelmo de Calne et multis aliis.' Harringworth, Northants.: 5 Nov. 1287.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $2 \times 1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red. A lady standing on a carved corbel, a shield of arms in each hand, dexter, a lion rampant [MOHAUT], sinister, three fleur-de-lis [CANTILUPE]; * S' MILISENTE . DE MONTE ALTO

Milicent was daughter of William de Cantilupe and coheir of her brother George de Cantilupe (*HKF* ii. 14); she married firstly John de Mohaut, who died without issue (op. cit. ii. 113), and secondly before 1273 Eudo la Zouche, who died in 1279 (*BHRS* xx. 92-3); she died in 1297 leaving a son William la Zouche ancestor of the lords Zouche of Harringworth, which was a part of the Cantilupe inheritance (*HKF* ii. 338). It is to be noted that after her second marriage she continued to be described almost invariably as Milicent de Mohaut. The identity of Batcombe is established by the inquisition post mortem of Nicholas Poynz (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* v, No. 346).

138

Charter of Hugh of Arden and Alice his wife giving to Stoneleigh abbey, Warw., a carucate of land from his demesne at Ratley, Warw., and a part of his grove, namely, Cnightegrave, as the broad way divides it. (Early Henry II)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 C 47.

BS FACSIMILE.

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris dei fidelibus et omnibus hominibus meis Francis et Anglis . quod ego Hugo de Ardena et uxor mea Aliz dedimus et concessimus in perpetuam elemosinam deo et sancte Marie de Stanleia et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus unam carucatam terre de dominio meo apud Rotteleiam et unam partem de grauia mea . scilicet Cnihtegraue . sicut bradeweie diuidit . liberam et quietam ab omni exactione et seruicio seculari. Et hoc fecimus pro salute et incolumitate Henrici regis et regine et filiorum eorum et pro anima regis Henrici . et pro nobismetipsis et amicis nostris et animabus antecessorum nostrorum . ut in societate et fraternitate Cysterciensis ordinis hac elemosina et hoc beneficio participes

efficiamur. Et¹ huius donationis testes sunt Rodbertus capellanus . et Hosbertus de Ardena . et Chetelbern de Longedun . et Haraldus miles . et Helias.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Equestrian, chain coif and hauberk, sword, shield with boss; horse walking, with fringed breastband; ☾ **SIGILL V M NIS DE AR** BM 5618

For Hugh of Arden see No. 52. Since the sons of Henry II are mentioned this charter must be later than the birth of his second son, Henry, on 28 Feb. 1155, but its form suggests a date early in the reign. No. 159 is a confirmation by Thomas of Arden of the subject of this grant and other gifts of Hugh to Stoneleigh abbey. They were confirmed by Edward II, 20 Apr. 1326 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, iii. 486).

I39

Charter of Gerold son of Ralf granting to Robert of Marlborough all the land on which Robert's dwelling house stands next Dowgate in London at a yearly rent of 42 shillings for all service. For this grant Robert has given Gerold 10 marks of silver for a fine, and to Mirable his wife one mark. (Mich. 1163—Easter 1170)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 B 24.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED with facsimile in Warner and Ellis, *BM Facsimiles*, No. 53.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, shield with pointed boss; ✠ **SIGILL: GERALDI: FILII: [R]ADVLR:**

I40

Charter of Robert de Chesney, bishop of Lincoln, confirming to St. Andrew's priory, Northampton, the churches of Preston Deanery and Quinton, Northants., given by Gilbert of Preston and by Philip and David of Quinton. (Northampton: 1149—66)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 H 11.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Robertus dei gratia Linc' episcopus . uniuersis catholice ecclesie filiis . salutem. Cum ecclesiasticum munimen implorantibus . deesse . non debeamus ⁊ dilectis filiis nostris monachis in monasterio beati Andréé Norhant' domino famulantibus . ecclesias de Prestona & Quentona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . quas ex aduocatorum donatione . scilicet . Gilleberti de Prestona . & Philippi & Daudid de Quentona adepti sunt . in presentia Willelmi archidiaconi ⁊ in perpetuam confirmamus elemosinam . & quicquid iuste & canonice in nostra possident parrochia ⁊ eis presente carta confirmamus . & sigilli nostri attestacione comunimus ⁊ salua in omnibus Linc' ecclesie dignitate ⁊ Huius rei testes . tam donationis quam confirmationis sunt ⁊ Willelmus archidiaconus Norhant' . magister Robertus de Burneham . Tomas clericus archidiaconi . Rannulfus

¹ Both in the original and in the facsimile in BS *et* is here represented by a large ampersand.

clericus . Rannulfus filius eius . Helias filius eiusdem . Geroldus decanus . Simon presbiter Omnium Sanctorum . Viuianus sacerdos . Henricus de Seitona . Ricardus de Buccat' . Robertus filius Wigerii . Rogerus clericus de Dailintona . Osbertus de Herlouestona . Willelmus de Plumtona . Ricardus de Houtona . Henricus de Whichentona . Ricardus de Westona & plures alii;

Endorsed: Confirmacio Roberti episcopi de Quent' et Prest'. (*Contemporary*.)

SEAL on tag:¹ pointed oval, c. 3 × 2 in.; yellow-brown; broken at top and bottom. The bishop standing in mass vestments, blessing, crozier in left hand; [SIGILLV' . ROBERTI DE]I GR LINCOLNIENSIS EPI[SCOPI].

COUNTERSEAL: oval, 1 × $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; yellow-brown. A gem, a gryllus, human head with bird above; drawn upside-down; [† SECRETVM . ROBERTI] LINC[OLNIENSIS EPI].

Robert de Chesney was consecrated bishop of Lincoln at Canterbury on 19 Dec. 1148 and died 27 Dec. 1166; no evidence seems to be available to narrow these limits of date. In addition to a priest of All Saints' church, Northampton, the witnesses include a number of local men, and the charter seems to have been executed at Northampton. At the time of the Northamptonshire Survey (1124-9) Philip and David held 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hides in Quinton (*VCH Northants.* i. 375), but Walter son of Winemar had not yet been succeeded by Gilbert at Preston Deanery.

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Charter of Adam de Port giving to Henry the chaplain, son of Randulf Mustel, a messuage in Cockayne Hatley, Beds., which had been the flax-ground of the lady Agnes de Port. (Early 13th century)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 I 458.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ada de Port dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmaui Henrico capellano filio Randulfi Mustel unum mesagium in Hatel' scilicet illud mesagium quod iacet iuxta croftam Henrici filii Martini et quod fuit lenerium domine Agnetis de Port pro homagio suo et seruicio et pro sexdecim denariis quos mihi dedit in gersumma . sibi uel cuicunque dare uel assignare voluerit tenendum et habendum de me et de heredibus meis in feodo et in hereditate . sibi uel suis assignatis bene et in pace libere et quiete. Reddendo inde annuatim ille uel sui assignati mihi uel heredibus meis . sexdecim denarios ad iiij^{or} terminos . scilicet ad Pascha iiij^{or} denarios et ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste iiij^{or} denarios . et ad festum sancti Michaelis iiij^{or} denarios . et ad Natale iiij^{or} denarios . pro omni seruicio mihi uel heredibus meis pertinenti . saluo domini regis seruicio. Et sciendum est quod assignabit predictam terram predictus Henricus uel sui assignati ubicunque uoluerint preter domum religionis. Ego autem et heredes mei predictum mesagium predicto Henrico capellano uel suis assignatis warantizabimus . contra omnes mortales. Hiis testibus . Roberto capellano de Suttun' . Simone capellano de Potun' . Willelmo clerico filio

¹ BM 1690, now much defaced; and cf. 1688.

Willelmi de Trumpitun' . Ernulfo de Blayni . et Ricardo filio eius . Nicolao filio Willelmi Galfrido filio Willelmi sacerdotis . Roberto de ponte . Simone le Poer . Willelmo filio Geruasii . Isembart' . Osberto¹ filio Roberti et multis aliis.

No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; yellow-brown. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, sword, round-topped shield; **PORT.** BM 6341

In No. 133 Adam de Port of Mapledurwell made a grant of the church of Hatley; it is witnessed by his brother Henry de Port. In 1171–2 Adam suffered forfeiture and exile, and at the same time Hatley *que fuit Henrici de Port* was in the king's hand (*PR 18 Hen. II*, 49). It appears therefore that Adam conveyed Hatley to his brother Henry and that the latter was involved in Adam's misfortune. Henry, however, must have recovered Hatley, which continued to be held by this branch of the family until the close of the 13th century. The present donor must be Adam son of Henry de Port who in 1205 was in possession of Hatley (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iv, 24).

I42

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 44 H 42.

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. Indented.

An agreement between the prior of Newark, near Guildford, Surr., and the prior of Selborne, Hants. It recites that King Henry III is exacting from the prior of Newark a debt of Roger de Lymesye amounting to £276, 14 shillings, and 3 pence by reason of a tenement in West Tisted, Hants, which was Roger's and is held by the prior; that the prior by his friends had procured from the king that the debt should be discharged by the yearly payment at the Exchequer of one mark, half at Easter and half at Michaelmas, until the whole amount be paid; that the prior of Newark had impleaded the prior of Selborne that as he holds a portion of the land that was Roger's he should help to discharge the debt. The land of the prior of Newark having been valued at £4 a year and that of the prior of Selborne at 8 shillings a year; it is agreed that the prior of Selborne shall acquit his proportion of the debt by paying yearly 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence to the prior of Newark or his attorney at West Tisted, half at Easter and half at Michaelmas as from Easter 1266 until the debt be discharged. If the prior of Selborne make default the barons of the Exchequer may distrain on his lands and chattels, and if the prior of Newark make default so that the king's debt be not discharged in the manner aforesaid he shall make good any damage suffered by the prior of Selborne by the award of good men. Sealing clause. 1266.

Endorsed: Obligacio de Seleburne. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. 3 × 2 in.; yellow-brown. Under a canopy the coronation of the Virgin; a candlestick at each end of the bench on which our Lord and the Virgin sit; between them a star and between and above them a crescent and star; **GILL'** **ED** **MARIA : D' . SELBVRN.** BM 3976

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, 2 × 1 $\frac{3}{16}$ in.; yellow-brown. Under a canopy the Virgin half-length, the Child on her left arm, between the keys of St. Peter and the sword of St. Paul; in base under an arch the prior three-quarter-length in adoration to the dexter; **S' PETRI : PRIORIS : DE : SELBVRNE** ☉

An account of the events leading to this agreement will be found in *VCH Hants*, iii. 59–60.

¹ The transcriber has put dots in place of this name BS.

I43

Charter of Robert de Stafford and Robert his son and heir giving to Bordesley abbey, Warw., 12 acres of land on the stream of Oxhill, Warw., and 2 acres of meadow in Tysoe, Warw., and pasture for their stock, and the right to trench their land and build where they will. (1156-85)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 56 D 50.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Eyton, *Staff. Coll.*, W. Salt Soc. ii. 259 et seq. from the original.

Robertus de Stafford omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie et omnibus hominibus suis et amicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Notum sit uobis omnibus me et Robertum filium meum et heredem dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bordesleia et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam xij acras terre super torrentem Octeshelle ubi bouarii mei manserunt . et ex alia parte torrentis uersus Oxemeode sursum per uetus fossatum quod diuidit pasturam et pratum meum usque ad chimum superius uersus Quatcote et totam terram illam que est inter illud chimum usque ad terram arabilem Engelrandi de Damart quam tenet de me . et duas acras prati in prato meo de Thieso . et pasturam de Tyeso ad peccora sua solam et quietam in elemosinam . et concedimus terram suam fossare si uoluerint . et ubi uoluerint in hac terra hedificare. Hec autem omnia in perpetuam elemosinam dedimus et concessimus libera et quietam ab omni seculari seruitio et consuetudine ita libere et quiete et integre et honorifice sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quietius dari potest. Et hoc fecimus pro salute *Henrici* regis et nostra et amicorum nostrorum . et pro anima *Henrici* regis et antecessorum nostrorum et pro anima *Auice* uxoris mee et matris *Roberti* filii mei . et pro salute et stabilitate totius regni Anglie. Insuper abbas et conuentus receperunt nos in fraternitate sua et omnibus beneficiis ordinis sui et concesserunt duos monachos ad tenendum imperpetuum nobis et heredibus nostris. Testibus . Roberto filio meo . Nicholao filio meo . Nicholao de Cloptune . Herui de Broel' . Godefrido Bras . Osberto Waleis . Waltero filio Gerardi . Willelmo filio Jostan . Willelmo filio Roberti . Gaufrido Warissedei . Johanne et Radulfo filiis eius . Ricardo filio Pauce . Willelmo de Cumbreford.

Endorsed: Rob' de Staford de duodecim acris terre in Occeselua. (13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Equestrian, conical helmet, shield with pointed boss; horse walking with fringed breastband; SIGILLVM : ROBERTI . DE The artist has given an Elizabethan flavour to the body armour.

The donor was the son and successor of the Nicholas de Stafford of No. 130.. In his note on this charter Eyton identifies the King Henry who is mentioned as dead with Henry II's son, the young king, and on that ground dates the charter 1183, the year of his death. The conjecture seems somewhat far fetched; the more natural interpretation is an allusion to Henry I; moreover, Robert de Stafford uses precisely the same language in No. 197, which is later in date than this one. Robert was succeeded by his son Robert, and there is no evidence available for the date of his death, with the consequence that it is impossible to date this charter with anything approaching precision. It is later than the accession of Henry II and

since this gift is not mentioned in the king's charter of confirmation (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 64) it would appear to be not earlier than 1156, the earliest possible date for that charter. On the other hand, Engelrand de Dumart, who is here mentioned as living, was dead in 1185 (*Rot. de Dominabus*, PRS, 23). The wording of the charter may suggest that Avice was not the mother of Nicholas, Robert's younger son. The writing and style of the charter suggest a date in the earlier half of Henry II's reign.

I44

Notification by Geoffrey de Bec to his lord William de Ferrers, earl of Derby, that he has given one carrucate of land at Hatton, in Marston upon Dove, Derbs., to Gilbert Calchon. (1177–circa 1195)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 H 5.

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

PRINTED: Jeayes, *Derbyshire Charters*, No. 1360.

Domino suo .W. comiti de Ferrariis et omnibus baronibus suis . Goyfredus de Becco . salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Gylleberto Calchoni in feodum & hereditatem ipsi et heredibus suis unam carrucatam terre apud Hettonam propter xx solidos quos mihi dedit . et pro seruitio suo. Ipse uero in unoquoque anno pro ea mihi redditurus est unum nisum sor . et v solidos . & si forte euenerit quod hanc illi terram tueri non potero . tantundem alibi tamque ualentem predicto modo de mea propria terra illi dabo. Teste Ricardo priore Totesberie . et Henrico de Achenuilla capellano . et Ricardo de Campania . et Ernulfo de Becco . et Giralmo de Faleth . et Thoma dispensatore . et Godefrido larderario . et Radulfo . et Ricardo de Merstona . et Osberno . Cóc . et Henrico filio eius . et Sywardo Dogheafd. Ualete.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; yellow-brown. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield, long surcoat, rowel spur (which must be an invention of the artist); RDVS DE

BM 5680

Ernald del Bec was enfeoffed of half a knight's fee by Robert de Ferrers, the first earl of Derby, between 1135 and 1139 (*RB* 338) and was still living in 1177 (*PR* 23 *Hen. II*, 61). After his death Geoffrey del Bec, son of Ernald, and his mother Margaret confirmed to Rocester abbey land in Hilton, Derbs., given by Ernald (*W. Salt Soc.*, n.s. vii. 175–6). In 1242–3 Robert de Tuke and a later Geoffrey de Bec held a third of a fee in Hilton of the earl of Derby (*Fees*, 994). 'Comes de Ferrariis' is the style used by the first Earl William, who died in 1190; his son William styles himself earl of Derby except that for his first few years he occasionally uses the same style as his father. The Hatton of the present charter adjoins Hilton, which identifies the donor with Geoffrey the son of Ernald. An Ernulf de Bec who may be identical with the witness of that name occurs in 1189 (*PR* 1 *Ric. I*, 160). Nothing is known of the donee, but it may be noted that a charter of the first Earl William is witnessed by Robert Calcun, abbot of St. Pierre-sur-Dives, the mother house of the Ferrers foundation of Tutbury priory (*Jeayes, Gresley Charters*, 2).

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Charter of Maud de Senlis, with the consent of Walter her son, giving to Maurice son of Geoffrey all the land of her dower in Essex and London, which William son of Walcher held. (Early Henry II)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 G 9.

BS FACSIMILE.

Matill' de Sancto Licio omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et firmiter concessu domini Walteri filii mei coram illo et baronibus suis concessisse Mauritio filio Gaufridi et heredibus suis totam terram Willelmi filii Walecher' quam tenuit in Essex' et in Lond' que est de dote mea ⁊ tenendum de me et heredibus meis ⁊ sibi et suis¹ heredibus hereditarie per xxx solidos . reddendo inde mihi per annum . scilicet ad Pascha x solidos et ad festum sancti Johannis x solidos et ad festum sancti Michaelis x solidos. Quare uolo et precipio quod ipse Mauritius et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant terram illam bene et in pace . libere et quiete et honorifice ⁊ in vita mea ⁊ et postea similiter sicut Walterus filius meus ei dedit et carta sua¹ confirmauit. Testibus . Waltero filio Roberti filio meo . et Matill' de Luci uxore sua . Willelmo Capra . Elia Capra . Hugone de Wantsi . Gillberto de Aissend' . Macio constabulario . Roberto de Pressennia . Willelmo peregrino . Reinaldo de Ginga . Ernaldo de Stebb' . Johanne camerario Ricardo camerario Seihero filio meo . Iuone clerico . Radulfo clerico.

No endorsement.

SEAL: affixed transversely on cord; pointed oval, c. $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ in. when perfect; yellow-brown. A lady standing in mantle and gown; no legend. BM 6706

The donor, who was the daughter of Simon de Senlis I, earl of Northampton, must have been born about 1100. She married as her first husband Robert fitzRichard, of Dunmow, son of Gilbert of Clare, from which marriage descended the baronial house of fitzWalter. The statements of the chronicle of Dunmow priory (*Mon.* vi. 147) as to the early history of the family are quite untrustworthy: Maud de Senlis is there said to have died in 1140, whereas she was living in 1158 (*PR 4 Hen. II*, 133); again, her son Walter fitzRobert is said to have married firstly Maud de Bohun and secondly Maud daughter of Richard de Lucy, but in an original charter (BM Cott. Chart. xxv. 23) he speaks of his 'late' wife Maud de Lucy and his wife Maud de Bohun. The witness 'Saher my son' was the offspring of Maud's second marriage to Saher de Quincy, as to which see No. 282 below.

Maurice son of Geoffrey, also known as Maurice of Tiltey and Maurice the sheriff, was the founder of Tiltey abbey, Ess., and sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire from 1158 to 1164. In 1166 he held one fee of Walter fitzRobert (*RB* 347), a third of a fee of the earl of Essex which was in the king's hand (*ibid.*), and half a fee of Earl William de Ferrers (*ibid.* 339) having given to Tiltey abbey another fee which his father had held of the earl in 1135 (*ibid.* 337). Three interesting charters of Earl Robert de Ferrers II, one of them dated 26 Sept. 1139, dealing with Maurice's Essex lands are printed in *Hist. MSS. Com. Var. Coll.* vii. 310-12; further light is thrown on these lands by a paper of J. H. Round (*Essex Arch. Soc. Trans.* x. 303). The London land mentioned in the present charter was part of the fitzWalter soke of Castle Baynard's, for which see W. Page, *London*, 190 et seq.

Robert fitzRichard died in 1136 (*Robert de Torigny*, 131), and it is therefore unlikely that a son of

¹ Interlined in both original and BS.

Maud's second marriage would be witnessing charters much before the beginning of Henry II's reign; the witnesses Gilbert of Essendon and Robert de Presseny each held a fee and a half of Walter fitzRobert in 1166 (*RB* 348), and the charter is witnessed by Walter's first wife. On the whole the early part of Henry II's reign seems to be the date indicated.

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Record that in the court of Robert Grimbald, John de Boscherville granted and gave seisin of Allextun, Leics., to his uncle John de Bachepuis, with the consent of Robert Grimbald, aduocatus of that fee, and of his wife Maud and son Simon. (circa 1160)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 F 39.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 459.

Hec est donatio et concessio et saisatio quam Johannes de Boscheruill fecit et concessit Johanni de Bachep' ⁊ auunculo suo . terram scilicet de Alakest' . cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus ⁊ ei et heredibus suis tenendam de ipso prefato Johanne de Bosch' . et de posterioribus suis ⁊ libere et quiete ab omni seruitio ad ipsum Johannem pertente . pro j marca argenti ⁊ quam ei annuatim redditurus est. Hanc donationem et saisiationem fecit et concessit prefatus Johannes de Bosch' . Johanni auunculo suo . in curia Roberti Grimb' qui aduocatus est ipsius feudi . ipso concedente . et uxore sua Matilda . et filio suo Simone. In hac igitur donatione et concessione et saisiatione Johannes de Bach' dedit Johanni¹ nepoti suo Johanni scilicet de Boscheru' . in testimonium ⁊ unum affirmaliū auri . et domino Roberto Grimb' j runcinum . et uxori sue ⁊ unum anulum auri . et Simoni filio suo ⁊ unum nisum ⁊ pro concessione eorum . et super hec ⁊ dedit Johannes de Bach' Johanni de Bosch' . unum equum cum tota sella. Hec itaque facta sunt per consensum et concessum Aliz matris ipsius Johannis de Bosch' . cuius maritagium est terra prefata; Testantibus his . Nicolaus . de Turnebi . Guillelmus capellanus de Halak' . Ricardus filius Wimundi . Galterus de Bakep' Ricardus de Normant' . et Fulcarius filius eius . Thomas de Weston' . Petrus forestarius . Guillelmus de Hohton' . Geruasius frater eius . Radulfus filius Wimundi . Guillelmus filius Roberti Grimb' . Rogerus clericus de Tuiford . Michael de Preston' . Galfridus de Torp . et Guillelmus frater eius . Nigellus filius Nicolai . Fulco de Chospi . Guillelmus de Tichencot' . Hugo filius Rogeri . Hosbertus de Flora et tota curia Roberti Grimbaudi.²

CYROGRAPHUM cut through straight at bottom.

No endorsement.

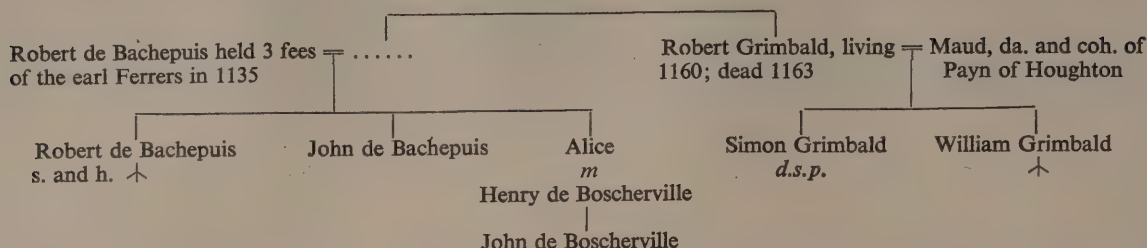
SEAL affixed sideways on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; red. A seated figure in flowing robes, holding a sword in the right hand; LVM IO

The centre of the seal on the original charter is in bad condition.

¹ Cancelled by a pen stroke.

² The last five words are in the same hand as the rest of the charter, but have the appearance of an afterthought.

The following chart pedigree shows the persons here in question:



In 1135 Henry de Boscherville held 3 knights' fees of the Ferrers honor. In 1166 they were held by his son John (*RB* 337). Two charters printed by Nichols (iii. 5) relate to the present transaction:

1. A charter of Aleza daughter of Robert de Bachepuis giving her land in Allexton to her brother John with the consent of the lord thereof, Robert Grimbald her uncle (*avunculi*), and of her son John de Boscherville. 'Hii sunt testes Nicholas de Jubria (? Turnebi) Guillelmus Grimbaldi et tota curia Roberti Grimbaldi.' This would seem to be contemporaneous with John de Boscherville's livery of seisin in Robert Grimbald's court.

2. A charter of John de Boscherville confirming to John de Bachepuis his mother's gift of Allexton. This must have passed in the court of the Earl Ferrers, as there are a number of Ferrers under-tenants among the witnesses, including Roger the chaplain and Robert de Piru the steward, who witness charters of Robert the second earl and William the third. The attestations to Ferrers charters show that Robert de Piru was succeeded as steward by William fitzHerbert about 1165, and William by Richard de Fifehide about 1168. Robert Grimbald was sheriff of Hunts. in 1154-5 (*PR* 2 *Hen. II*, 41); the last mention of him as living is in 1160 (*PR* 6 *Hen. II*, 2), and in 1163 the sheriff of Northants. accounted for a debt of his wife (*PR* 9 *Hen. II*, 36). He was, presumably, then dead. A charter in *BM Facsimiles*, No. 49, shows Robert de Bachepuis the elder giving lands in Berkshire to his son, this John; see also Jeayes, *Derbyshire Charters*, Nos. 238, 239. Robert Grimbald was succeeded by his son William, but this charter shows an elder son Simon who must have died *s.p.*

I47

Charter of Michael Belet giving to Walkelin de Caneton' a virgate of land in the manor of West Sheen, now Richmond, Surr., which Wolviva the widow held, and half a virgate which Geoffrey Dipere held in the same village. (Temp. John)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 H 45.

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Michael Belet dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui Walkelino de Caneton' pro homagio et seruicio suo unam virgatam terre cum pertinenciis in manerio de Scenes . scilicet illam quam Woluiua vidua tenuit . et dimidiam virgatam quam Gaufridus Dipere tenuit in eadem villa habend' et tenend' sibi et heredibus suis de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete . integre . et honorifice . reddendo inde annuatim ipse et heredes sui mihi et heredibus meis . unum par calcarium deauratorum ad Pascha pro omni seruicio . excepto seruicio regali quod ad tantum terre pertinet . Et ut donacio mea rata sit inposterum ' eam carta mea cum sigilli mei appositione ' confirmaui . His testibus . Herberto de Alencon' . Roberto de Cokefeld' . Ricardo de Sipeton' . Gileberto Maudut . Roberto de Wilmedon' . Phillippo de

Bernes . Nicholao de Sancto Germano . Ricardo de Wilmendon' . Henrico de Campo florido. et multis aliis.

No endorsement.

SEAL:¹ round, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. A figure sitting upon what seems to be a cask, a reference to the assistant butlership; he is holding a knife or sword in each hand and is wearing puff breeches. The design has evidently been given an Elizabethan flavour by the artist. ✠ SIGI ELIS BE NES

West Sheen, now Richmond, was held by the Belet family by the serjeanty of the assistant butlership; see Round, *The King's Serjeants*, 165 et seq. The charter is not easy to date owing to the difficulties presented by the descent of the manor, and to the fact that there seem to have been two contemporary Michael Belets, one a *magister* and the king's clerk, and the other a knight, both of whom occur in connexion with Sheen and the butlership. In 1206 Master Michael Belet paid £100 to have the butlership as his right (*Rot. de Oblatis*, 358); in 1212 Michael Belet held Sheen by the serjeanty of the butlership (*Fees*, 70), and in 1215 the king committed to Hugh de Neville the land which had been (*fuit*) that of Michael Belet, knight, in Sheen (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 237b). In 1219 Wimund de Ralegh is returned as having the custody of the daughter and heir of Michael Belet with her inheritance in Sheen (*Fees*, 273); this must have been the daughter of the knight, and she was apparently that Maud Belet for the succession to whose land in Surrey her kinsman John Belet paid a relief of 10 marks in 1229 (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.* i. 190). John was dead in 1231 when Henry son of Nicholas paid 50 marks for the wardship and marriage of his heirs (*ibid.* i. 218), and accordingly in 1235 Henry is holding the serjeanty of Sheen by the king's grant (*Fees*, 1363). The heirs in question were Emma Oliver and Alice her sister, daughters of John Belet, who in 1250 were holding the serjeanty of Sheen jointly (*ibid.* 1237). In the meanwhile, however, Master Michael Belet officiated at the queen's coronation in 1236 as assistant butler *de iure ueteri* (*RB* 758), and in 1244 Michael Belet is returned as holding Sheen by serjeanty (*Fees*, 1153). The witness Herbert de Alençon occurs in 1203 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, ii. 160) and was still living in 1238 (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 1240), but in 1210 he occurs in conjunction with the second witness Robert of Cockfield (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vi. 79), while the witness Gilbert Mauduit occurs in 1217 (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 326). On these grounds it seems justifiable to assign the charter to Michael Belet the knight and to the reign of John.

I48

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 C 17.

BS FACSIMILE, first 16 words. Indented. CIROGRAPHUM (inverted).

Notification by John son of Warin of Great Hormead (*Magna Horemeda*²), Herts., that he and his heirs are bound to find and maintain for ever a lamp burning day and night before the rood in the church of Great Hormead and a wax candle before the altar of the blessed Mary burning at the mass of the blessed Mary only, for the health of the soul of Lorette de Sanford and of the souls of her predecessors and heirs. For this Lorette has given him 22 acres of land in Great Hormead, on the condition that if by the default of John or his heirs the said lamp and candle be not so maintained it shall be lawful for Lorette or her successors to distrain and retain the chattels both movable and immovable on the said 22 acres until he or his heirs shall have paid 2 marks of silver to Lorette or her successors in full satisfaction. Sealing clause. 'Testibus Symone de Furneals . Roberto de Melkleye . Henrico de Northanton' . Roberto de Upwyk' . Petro filio Willelmi de Pelham . Adam de Horemed . Waltero Clement Thoma de Brogton' Waltero clerico et aliis.' (1250—circa 1290.)

Endorsed: Escrit obligatione John' fiz Warin pur une laumpe a touz diz trouer deuant la croyz del eglise de grant Hormed e pur une serge . . . seulement trouer ala messe nre dame. (*Contemporary*.)

¹ Seal on original now much worn; none of the legend and hardly any of the figure remains.

² *Hormeade* BS.

SEAL¹ on tag: pointed oval, $2 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; light brown. A lady standing, wearing gown and mantle and holding a blank shield in her left hand; **SIGILLU' UAV . NE DE SANFORD.**

Great Hormead with other lands was held by the Sanford family by the serjeanty of the queen's chamberlainship (Round, *The King's Serjeants*, 132 et seq.). An account of the manor and family will be found in *VCH Herts.* iv. 71, from which the following facts are taken. Gilbert de Sanford held the manor in 1247-8 but died in or shortly before 1250 leaving a widow, the Lorette of this charter, who had Great Hormead in dower. She was living in 1287, but must have died soon after when the manor reverted to her daughter Alice de Sanford, the wife of Robert de Vere, earl of Oxford, who was holding it jointly with his wife on his death in 1294 (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 217). The limits of date are those of the deaths of Gilbert and Lorette.

149

Charter of Roger de Montbegon giving to Sulby abbey, Northants, Simon son of Henry with his chattels and issue. (1171-81)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 E 14.

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 403.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.; yellow-brown. Equestrian, armour to which the artist has given an Elizabethan flavour, rounded helmet, kite-shaped shield, with non-armorial bars bendwise or palewise over a studded border, and sword; ✠ **SIGILLVM GVNM.** BM 6232

An account of the family of Montbegon which held lands in Lancashire and Lincolnshire will be found in *VCH Lancs.* i. 319 et seq., and a pedigree in *EYC* iii. 318. Roger de Montbegon *temp.* Henry I was succeeded at an unknown date by Adam, who first occurs as a witness to a charter of his lord William, count of Boulogne and Mortain and Earl Warenne, between 1154 and 1158 (Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls*, 308). Adam was living at Michaelmas 1171 (*PR 17 Hen. II*, 30) but dead at Michaelmas 1172 when a debt due from him was forgiven to John Malherbe (*PR 18 Hen. II*, 65), who married Maud, Adam's widow. Adam left a son and heir Roger, who was probably under age at his father's death and who died in 1227. John Malherbe died in 1181 (*PR 27 Hen. II*, 61) leaving by Maud a son, John, who could not have been born before 1173. Since Sulby abbey was founded *circa* 1155 the donor must be the younger Roger de Montbegon. The form of the charter strongly suggests the time of Henry II, and since John Malherbe the younger could not have been of age till 1194 at the earliest, the witness John Malherbe can safely be identified with the donor's stepfather who died in 1181.

150

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, son of Earl Aubrey, and his wife Isabel, daughter of Walter de Bolbec, granting to William son of Derinch the land of Hawridge, Bucks., which William held of Walter, and 15 acres in addition. (1190-4)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 C 3.

BS FACSIMILE.

Albericus de Ver filius Alberici comitis et femina sua Isabel filia Walteri de Bolebech omnibus hominibus suis Gallicis et Anglicis . salutem. Sciatis omnes quod ego et Ysabel de Bolebech uxor mea concessimus Willelmo filio Derinch et heredibus suis

¹ BM 6709; **SIGILLU' UAVRE : DE : SANFORD.**

terram de Hoquerug' . quam predictus Willelmus tenuit de Waltero de Bolebech . et xv acras terre quas ipsi et heredibus suis concessimus in augmentum ⁊ libere et quiete iure hereditario possidendas. Reddet siquidem prenominatus Willelmus mihi uel heredibus meis . uel heredes similiter illius x solidos ad iiij^{or} terminos annuatim . scilicet ad Natale ij solidos et dimidium . ad festum annuntiationis beate Marie ij solidos et dimidium . et ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste ij solidos et dimidium . et ad festum sancti Michaelis ij solidos et dimidium . pro omni seruitio mihi contingenti . excepto seruitio domini regis quando euenerit. Pro hac autem concessione dedit mihi prefatus W. xxx solidos et viij denarios . et uxori mee unum bisantium in guersummam. Hii sunt testes . Stephanus de Monchanisie¹ . Johannes le Manant . Willelmus filius Fulconis . Gaufredus Guernon . Guido de Bolebech . Robertus de Seffreiwest . Tosten' Basset . Petro² decano de Hucherche . et filio eius . Radulfus de Wesdon' . Radulfus de Chardrug' . Hugo de la Hauquesert . Willelmus de Heston' . Azon' . Ernaldus de Hertrug' . et multi alii.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag:³ round, c. 2½ in.; light brown. Equestrian, round coif, sword, shield with pointed boss; ✠

The grantors are the future second earl of Oxford and his wife the heiress of Walter de Bolbec. The complicated intermarriages of Vere and Bolbec have been exhaustively treated by Round (*Rot. de Dominabus*, PRS, xxxix et seq.). The limits of date are supplied by the marriage of the grantors which took place not earlier than 1190 (*PR 2 Ric. I*, 110) and the death of the first earl late in 1194 when the grantor succeeded him.

151

Charter of Agnes of Mapleton, Yorks., E.R., the prioress, and the convent of Nunkeeling, Yorks., E.R., giving to Stephen of Owstwick, Yorks., E.R., the third part of a sellion in Owstwick. (Early Henry III)

* ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 44 E 56.

BS FACSIMILE, first 19 words.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Agnes de Mapelton' priorissa de Killing et eiusdem loci couentus⁴ salutem. Noueritis nos⁵ dedisse concessisse . et hac carta nostra confirmasse Stephano de Ouistwic⁶ et heredibus suis terciam partem unius sellionis jacentis in clauso Amandi filii Raineri de Ouistwic . scilicet in medio dicti sellionis . qui quidam sellio jacet inter sellionem Amandi Cheremi et terram abbatis de Melsa . et unam buttam terre in Littelfrith' in territorio de Ouistwic. Hec omnia tenenda et habenda dicto Stephano et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et aisiamentis . libere quiete . ab omni seculari seruicio . exactione et demanda cum libero introytu et exytu infra uillam et extra. Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris tres denarios

¹ Monthanisie BS.

² Sic.

³ BM 6500, now only fragmentary.

⁴ Conuentus BS.

⁵ Interlined.

⁶ Omstwic BS and so throughout the charter.

ad duos terminos per partes equales . scilicet ad Pascha . et ad festum sancti Michaelis . pro omni seruicio et demanda. Nos autem dictam terram cum suis pertinenciis pro predicta firma dicto Stephano et heredibus suis uel assignatis contra omnes homines warantizabimus . et defendemus . quamdiu per¹ cartam nostri donatoris nobis possit warantizare. In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum nostrum apposuiamus. Hiis testibus . Symone de Prestona . domino Yuone clerico magistro de Killing . Johanne de Rose . Martino de Grimeston . Amando de Fitling . Johanne filio eius . et aliis.

Endorsed: Kilwing. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. 3 × 2 in.; green. St. Helen, crowned, standing, and holding a crozier [*recte* a cross] obliquely across her body. The artist has mistaken a letter of the legend for the crozier head. [SIGILLVM] [M]E . DE . KILLIN BM 3349

Agnes de Mapelton is not included in the list of prioresses in *VCH Yorks.* iii. 121. She must be earlier than the Avice who occurs in 1251 and is the first there mentioned. The handwriting suggests a date in the early part of the century.

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Charter of William de Dive son of Hugh de Dive giving to Sulby abbey, Northants., one virgate of land in Nortoft (in Guilsborough), Northants., which belonged to Coleman de Lamora. (1155–85)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 49 F 12.

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Sciant uniuersi filii sancte ecclesie quod ego Willelmus de Diue filius Hugonis de Diue do et concedo et presenti carta confirmo deo et sancte Marie et abbacie de Sulebi unam uirgatam terre in Nortoft cum suis pertinentiis totfo² et croft pratis et pasturis . illam scilicet uirgatam que fuit Coleman de Lamora . solutam et quietam . et ab omni seruitio et exactione seculari liberam pro salute anime mee et sponse mee . et pro animabus patris mee et matris mee et antecessorum meorum in perpetuam elemosinam. His testibus . Henrico decano de Hadduna . Willelmo de Haldenebi . Roberto filio eius . Thoma clerico de Hadduna . Rogero Bordel . Ricardo de Hetford³ . Roberto scriptore de Prestun.

Endorsed: Willelmus de Diua de uirgata. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; yellow. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, shield with no charges; VA BM 5883

Hugh de Dive witnessed a Norman charter of Robert count of Mortain about 1095, and in 1103–6 one of William count of Mortain, his son (*CDF*, Nos. 1205, 1210). At a later date the family is found holding East Haddon, Northants., and land in Eastbourne and Horsted Keynes, Suss. In each case the Domesday tenant-in-chief was the count of Mortain, East Haddon being subsequently granted to the earl of Leicester after the forfeiture of William count of Mortain in 1106, and similarly the Sussex lands to the family of Laigle. It would seem therefore that the subinfeudations to Dive must have been earlier than 1106. The

¹ Interlined in original.

² *Sic.*

³ *Herford BS.*

earliest mention of the family in Northants. is in 1130, when the heir of a deceased William de Dive was in the wardship of Geoffrey of Glympton (*Clinton*) (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 83). The early descent is by no means clear, but the subsequent alternation of the names Hugh and William in the family makes it not unreasonable to suggest that Hugh the father of the donor of the present charter was the son of the William of the 1130 Pipe Roll entry and grandson of the Hugh of the 11th century. Besides the present benefaction William de Dive gave the church of East Haddon to Sulby abbey which was founded *circa* 1155 (*Mon.* vi. 904). He married Maud daughter and coheir of Geoffrey de Waterville, who had Corby, Lincs., in marriage (*Rot. de Dominabus*, 14): living in 1181 (*PR 27 Hen. II*, 68) he was dead in 1185 leaving two sons and two daughters, his son and heir, Hugh, being aged 10 or 12 and in the wardship of another William de Dive (*Rot. de Dominabus*, 14 and 27).

Turning to Sussex, a charter of William count of Mortain, and therefore not later than 1106, confirms gifts of Hugh de Dive to Lewes priory (*Cartulary*, f. 44; *Sussex Rec. Soc.* xxxviii. 75); this must be Hugh I. At a later date William son of Hugh de Dive gave to the priory land in Horsted Keynes and Bromham or Burneham, i.e. Eastbourne (*ibid.*, f. 89, p. 160); the occurrence of a Northamptonshire man, Robert of Holdenby, among the witnesses should be noted. As the donor mentions benefactions of his grandfather he must be the William of the present charter and not the William who was dead in 1130. These gifts are confirmed by a charter of King Stephen for Cluny (*CDF*, No. 1391), from which it would seem that Hugh II, the present donor's father, died before 1155.

The present charter cannot be later than 1185 when William was dead. The earlier limit is difficult to determine; in the Northants. Survey *temp.* Henry I a Coleman held half a hide in Nortoft of the fee of Peverel (*VCH Northants.* i. 378); the document seems to have been 'written up', and this may be an addition, but if he is identical with the Coleman of Lamora of the charter a limit near the beginning of Henry II's reign is suggested.

I53

Charter of Peter of Studley, Warw., confirming to Bordesley abbey, Warw., 20 acres of land of his fee which Nicholas of Bearley, Warw., and William his son gave to the abbey. (1156–circa 1160)

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Petrus de Stolleia omnibus amicis et hominibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam xx acrarum terre . quam Nicholaus de Burleia homo meus . et Willelmus filius eius de feudo meo dederunt ecclesie dei et sancte Marie de Bordesleia pro salute animarum suarum et antecessorum suorum in perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete ab omni exactione et seculari seruitio tenendam per recognitionem tantummodo annualem sex denariorum. Pro hac uero donatione monachi predictae ecclesie eidem Nicholao dederunt xx^{ti} solidos et filio eius W. uaccam cum uitulo. Quare uolo et omnibus meis tam presentibus quam futuris precipio . ut predicta ecclesia donationem hanc iure perpetuo libere et quiete et honorifice absque ulla heredum meorum uexatione possideat. Testibus . Ricardo presbitero . Gaufrido Corbecun filio meo . Odone pincerna Roberto Franco . Ricardo pincerna Radulfo de Buseuilla.

SEAL on strip, riband above: round, c. 2 in.; red; much broken. Equestrian, long surcoat, sword; TRI . DE . ST

The grantor was son and heir of William son of Corbucion, the Domesday tenant-in-chief. As Peter son of William he witnessed a charter of Henry earl of Warwick (died 1119) for St. Mary's, Warwick (*Mon.*

vi. 1326) and one of Roger earl of Warwick for the same dated 1123 (*ibid.* 1327). In 1130 he figures on the Pipe Roll as Peter de Stotleia, Studley in Warwickshire, held in 1086 by his father, being his principal residence (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 108): he had yet a third designation, for in a Worcestershire survey of the last years of Henry I he occurs as Peter Corbezun holding 2 hides at Witton in Droitwich (*VCH Worcs.* i. 330); these hides were held by his father in 1086. He or his son occurs three times in the returns of knights' fees of 1166 in *RB*; as Peter de Stodleia holding 10 fees of the earl of Warwick (p. 325),¹ as Peter Corbuzone 5 fees of the honor of Walter Giffard, the deceased earl of Buckingham (p. 312), as Peter de Stodlega 1 fee in Worcestershire of the abbot of Westminster (p. 188), this last being Dormston which William son of Corbucion held of the abbot in 1086. These returns indicate that on the formation of the earldoms of Warwick and Buckingham in the reign of William II the overlordship of lands held in chief in 1086 by William son of Corbucion was divided between the two earls. Peter son of William was succeeded by his son another Peter, generally known as Peter Corbezun but occasionally as Peter of Studley. The date of the elder Peter's death is unknown and consequently it is not easy to distinguish between father and son; if, as appears likely, William son of Corbucion is identical with the man who in Aug. 1060 witnessed a confirmation by William the Conqueror for the abbey of St. Père of Chartres (*CDF*, No. 1256), it is probable that the Peter son of William died before 1166. Peter his son was living in 1200 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, i. 116) and his son William in 1212 (*RB* 604). Charters of Peter the son and of his son William are printed in *Staff. Coll.* iii. 202–5. The grantor must be Peter the elder since his son Geoffrey Corbezun, a witness, occurs on the Pipe Roll in 1171 (*PR 17 Hen. II*, 94). The grantor gave 10 acres at Hillborough in Temple Grafton to Bordesley by a charter (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 406) addressed to John bishop of Worcester (1151–8), a gift confirmed by his son Peter Corbezun (*ibid.*, No. 87). That gift was confirmed by charters of the empress and Henry II, both of which passed at Rouen in 1156² (*Cal. Chart. R.* ii. 63–4). The gift here in question is not confirmed by either of these charters, but is confirmed by a charter of Richard I (*ibid.* 65). The earliest limit of date for the present charter is therefore 1156. The date of the grantor's death being unknown, it is impossible to fix the later limit definitely, but four of the six witnesses also witness *Formulare* No. 406, and when one also takes into account the facts that the grantor witnessed a charter in 1119 or earlier and his father one in 1060, it seems difficult to place it much later than 1160. The land in question probably lay in Bearley, a manor which was held by William son of Corbucion in 1086 and from which the actual donor took his name: the abbey held land there at the Dissolution (*Mon.* v. 411). No. 528 is a much earlier charter of Peter of Studley.

I54

Charter of William of Kirby Muxloe, Leics., with the consent of Aelina his wife confirming to Leicester abbey a virgate of land in Theddingworth, Leics., namely, Gervase's. (Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus ⁊ Guillelmus de Karebi ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse . et presenti carta mea confirmasse . assensu et concessu Aeline uxoris mee ecclesie sancte Marie Legrecestrie de Prato et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo seruientibus unam virgatam terre in Theingwrdia ad firmam . perpetuo de me tenendam et de heredibus meis per duodecim nummos ⁊ annuatim michi persoluendo . scilicet ad purificationem sancte Marie pro omni seruicio mihi et heredibus mée³ pertinente . scilicet uirgatam Geruasii . et ipsum Geruasium quietum clammauimus³

¹ This part of the return, however, may refer to the state of things before the death of Earl Roger in 1153.

² The empress's charter is dated *anno M^oC^osexto*; as its

limits of date are 1154–9 the word *quingagesimo* must have been omitted. The witnesses to the two charters are identical.

³ *Sic.*

ego et uxor mea et heredes mei . et uxorem suam et omnes liberos suos predictis canonicis cum omnibus catallis suis. Quare uolumus et presenti carta corroboramus ego et uxor mea et heredes mei ut predicti canonici predictam uirgata[m] terre cum suis pertinentiis habeant et teneant imperpetuum . bene et in pace . libere et quiete ab omni seruicio et exaccione seculari erga me et heredes meos pro duodecim nummis saluo forinseco seruicio. Pro hac autem conuentione dederunt mihi predicti canonici iiij^{or} marcas argenti et remiserunt michi xiiij^{cim} solidos quos eis debebam et uxori mee Aeline dederunt v^{que} solidos . et Roberto filio meo xij^{cim} denarios. His testibus . Petro Croubrid . Roberto presbitero de Tehingewrd' . Waltero de Braccel' . Willelmo preposito Tehingewrd' . Reinero eiusdem uille . Reginaldo de Belegraue . Alexandro de cellario . Roberto fratre suo . Alexandro de Caldwellia . Ricardo fratre suo . Simone de coquina . Ricardo de sartrin . Ketelb' de Turmodestonia . et Johanne filio suo . Roberto de Mul'ed' . et Umfrido fratre suo . Willelmo diacono . Petro fratre prioris et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in. The fore-part of a wolf to the dexter looking backward; ✠ SIGILLVM : WILLELM RAREBI.

The following extracts from the register of Leicester abbey dealing with the gifts of William of Kirby Muxloe are printed in Nichols, ii. 824.

'Habemus ibi (i.e. Theddingworth) ex dono Willelmi de Kereby iiij virgatas terre et iiij tofta et Gervasium, Godfridum et Spilman cum catallis suis et liberis suis omnibus.

'Habemus confirmationem Walteri de Canvilla et Rogeri de Canvilla filii ejus de predictis iiij virgatis iiij toftis et de Gervasio, Godefrido et Spilman cum liberis &c.'

By a charter passing at Dover in Jan. 1156 Henry II confirmed to the abbey 'ex dono Willelmi de Kereby unam carucatam terre in Thingworth' (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, iii. 381). In a late 12th-century charter (Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 420) Roger de Camville, son of Walter de Camville, at the desire of his father and the request of William de Karebi confirmed to the abbey a carucate and four tofts in Theddingworth, the gift of William. If, as seems to be the case, the carucate and the four virgates are identical, the original gift must have been earlier than 1156; the present charter, however, appears to be a confirmation.

I55

Charter of William de la Mare giving to Bruern abbey, Oxon., with his body and those of his wife and heirs one virgate in Over Rendcombe, Gloucs. (1163—circa 1200)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxvii. 25.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Sciant qui sunt et qui futuri sunt quod ego Willelmus de la Mara dedi deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Brueria corpus meum et uxoris mee et heredum meorum cum una uirgata terre in Vuere Rindcumbe libera et quieta ab omni seruitio seculari. Quare uolo et hoc¹ carta mea² confirmo ut predicti monachi habeant et teneant pre-nominatam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum in elemosinam liberam . solam

¹ Sic in original and BS.

² meo BS.

et quietam ab omni seruitio seculari sicut dictum est superius. Et ego et heredes mei manutenebimus et warantizabimus prefatam terram contra omnes homines et acquietabimus ab omni seruitio siue regis siue aliorum dominorum nostrorum. Teste magistro Gaufrido lardario Ricardo filio Gerini Symund de Solers Roberto de Slochtres Willelmo filio Widonis Willelmo le Norreis Osberto de Haleford Willelmo filio Godefridi.

Endorsed: Willelmus de Mara de corpore suo sepeliendo. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; yellow. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, shield with radiating bands, horse standing; ✠ **SIGILLVM**

The following charters throw some light on the present one:

1. A gift by Robert de la Mare, with the consent of his wife Wimarc and his brother Geoffrey, of various lands in Over Rendcombe to Bruern abbey; being witnessed by Richard archdeacon of Poitiers, its date is 1163–73. (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 426.)
2. Confirmation of the above by William earl of Gloucester witnessed by Robert de la Mare, the donor, and by William and Robert his sons. (Ibid., No. 83.)
3. A gift by William de la Mare, with the consent of Amfelisa his wife and Thomas his son and heir, to Bruern abbey of all Over Rendcombe; there is also mention of the donor's brothers Simon de Solers and Robert de la Mare. (Ibid., No. 460.)
4. A gift by William de la Mare, with the consent of his lord, William earl of Gloucester, to Bruern of 66 acres in Over Rendcombe, the limits of date being 1171–83. (*Ancient Charters*, PRS, x. 72.)

Exact limits of date for the present charter are not easy to fix. It must be later than 1163 since the donor's father was then living. Two other charters of William for Bruern, No. 4 above and that confirmed by No. 288 below, cannot be later than 1183. If, as is probable, he is the man who paid scutage on the Gloucestershire Pipe Roll of 1196 (*PR 8 Ric. I*, 103), one can only date this charter as probably some time after 1163 and before 1200.

I56

Charter of William son of William of Takeley giving to Thremhall priory, Ess., 20 acres of assart in Takeley, Ess., namely, 12 acres which Alice his mother had in dower and 8 acres from the assart of his demesne thereby; and also confirming to the priory 6 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow which William his father gave.
(1200–circa 1208)

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tachel' dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et ecclesie beati Jacobi de Tremhall' et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus uiginti acras de essartis in Thakel' . uidelicet duodecim acras quas Aliz mater mea habuit in dotem et octo acras de meo dominico essarto iuxta easdem in puram et perpetuam elemosinam tenendas et habendas de me et de heredibus meis et successoribus liberas et quietas ex omnibus secularibus seruitiis et exactionibus in perpetuum cum omnibus pertinentiis ad dictas uiginti acras spectantibus. Preterea concessi et hac eadem carta confirmaui deo et predictae ecclesie et canonicis eiusdem loci sex acras terre arabilis et unam acram prati quas pater meus

Willelmus eisdem dedit similiter in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Hanc donacionem et confirmationem feci eisdem pro anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum salute. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus prefate ecclesie et canonicis . predictam terram contra omnes gentes. Hiis testibus Thoma de Munfichet . Willelmo de Hauill' juniore . Radulfo Morell' . Waltero de Patemere . Ricardo filio Pagani . Galfrido de Elsenham . Osberto de Martinesford . Willelmo de Hathfeld . Johanne marescallo . Daud' de Kamera . Andrea de Poilli . Laurencio de Takel . Hugone Reuel Waltero Bald' . Willelmo filio Rodland' . Willelmo juniore et multis aliis.

SEAL on cord: round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. Equestrian, rounded helmet, long surcoat, lance at rest, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIGILLU' . WILLELMI . FILI' . WILL' I DE TACHELE'G

An account of the Takeley family up to the beginning of the 13th century will be found in *HKF* iii. 175–6; and a number of charters dealing with them are printed in the *Colchester Cartulary*, ed. S. Moore, Roxburghe Club, 340–5. William son of Adeliz of Takeley, Muriel his wife, and Elias their son gave land in Takeley to Colchester abbey before 1151, the gift being witnessed by Robert bishop of London (*ibid.* 340); this is followed by charters which show Elias to have been succeeded by his son William, and him by his son, another William, the present donor. A charter of Lecia prioress of Ankerwyke of the year 1194 shows William son of Elias to have then succeeded his father (*BM Campb. Ch. x. 7*), and he was still living in 1199 (*Rot. Cur. Regis*, i. 353–4, 398). On the other hand, the fact that the witness William de Hauville is described as 'junior' suggests that his father William who died before 1208 (see note to No. 157) was alive or only lately dead.

157

Charter of William de Hauville son of Ralf de Hauville giving to William of Takeley and his (the grantor's) daughter Deudaune in free marriage Arnold Berard and his land in the village of Takeley, Ess., and all his family. (Beginning of the 13th century)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 51 D 10.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus de Hauuill' filius Radulfi de Hauuill' dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui Willelmo de Tachele et Deudaune filie mee et heredibus eorum in libero matrimonio Arnoldum¹ Berard hominem meum et totam terram suam quam tenuit de me in uilla de Tachele cum omnibus consuetudinibus quas mihi debuit et cum tota secta² sua absque ullo retenimento reddendo mihi et heredibus meis ipsi et heredes eorum annuatim quatuor denarios ad iiij^{or} terminos scilicet ad Natale j denarium et ad Pascha j denarium . et ad festum sancti Johannis³ j denarium . et ad festum sancti Michaelis j denarium pro omnibus seruitiis saluo seruitio domini regis. Et ego predictus Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus predictum Arnoldum et predictam terram predictis Willelmo et Deudaune et heredibus eorum contra omnes homines et feminas per predictum seruitium. Hiis testibus . Willelmo priore de Tremhale . Nicolao de Hauuill' . Waltero capellano . Ricardo capellano . Nicolao filio Gerardi . Willelmo de Hatfeld . Jahanno⁴ marchallo . Willelmo

¹ Arnaldum BS.

² sarta BS.

³ Sic.

⁴ Johanno BS.

filio Michaelis . Galfrido filio Michal' . Andrea de Poili . Roberto filio Wlmari . Toma clerico et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Carta W. de Hauvill' facta Deydam' . Takel'. (13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; yellow. Man in civil dress on horseback to the dexter, hawk on left wrist, horse walking; **ULV** **D** **IV** BM 6100

The family of Hauville held Dunton, Norf., by a falconer serjeanty which has been discussed by Round (*King's Serjeants*, 311–17); it originated in a grant by Henry II to Ralf de Hauville, descending to his son Ralf II, and to Ralf II's son Henry who held it in 1212 (*Fees*, 129). The present donor represented what seems to have been another branch. By a charter dated 2 June 1200 King John confirmed to this William de Hauville Takeley which had been his father Ralf's and his grandfather William's (*Rot. Chart.* i. 68). There is no chronological difficulty in identifying Ralf the father of the present donor with the original grantee of Dunton, but the fact that at the beginning of the 13th century Dunton and Takeley were in different hands is against such identity. Numerous charters of the Takeley Hauvilles are printed in the *Colchester Cartulary*, 345–65, and from these it appears that William son of Ralf was succeeded by his son William. By a charter dated 1208 (*ibid.* 371) Adam abbot of Colchester quitclaimed to Geoffrey de Hauville son of William the right to lands in Takeley which Geoffrey had by gift and sale either from William de Hauville son of Ralf or from William's son and heir William; William son of Ralf therefore died before 1208. Geoffrey was brother of William the younger and succeeded him in or before 1223, William dying without issue (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.* i. 103; PRO Ancient Deed A 11850). In *Trans. Essex Arch. Soc.* xxii. 68 et seq. is a paper on Colchester Hall, Takeley, in which is printed a number of unpublished Hauville charters.

Charter No. 156 shows that the wife of William son of Elias of Takeley was Alice who survived him, since she held land in dower; the same charter shows her son, the younger William, to have succeeded his father and been of full age some time before 1208, so that Alice cannot have been married much later than 1180. If Deudaune had been a first wife of William son of Elias this charter would be 1180 or earlier, but the form of warranty against all men and women negatives so early a date. The donee is therefore William of Takeley the younger and since he is described simply as William of Takeley, and not as William son of William, the charter must be later than the death of his father who was alive in 1199 (note to No. 156). The donor died before 1208, and this charter can be referred to the opening years of the 13th century.

I58

Charter of Roger de Somery confirming to Richard son of Reiner of London all the land of Shenley, Herts., with the advowson of the church which William de Chenduit had sold to Richard. (1179–90)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 56 G 5.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus de Sumeri . concessi et hac carta mea presenti confirmaui . Ricardo filio Reineri de Lond' totam terram de Seneleia . quam Willelmus de Cheundeduit ei dedit pro homagio suo et pro seruicio suo et pro pecunia sua. Habendam et tenendam . sibi et heredibus suis de Willelmo de Cheundeduit et heredibus eius hereditarie tam libere tam quiete tam honorifice et tam integre . in hominibus . in redditibus . in bosco . et plano . in pratis et pasturis . in aquis in piscariis . in viuariis . et stagnis . in brueriis . et turberiis et mariscis . et omnibus aliis locis et

aliis rebus cum aduocatione ecclesie de Seneleia . et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis . et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis . sicut unquam predictus Willelmus uel pater suus Radulfus uel aliquis predecessorum suorum plenius et integrius et honorificencius de me uel de aliquo predecessorum meorum tenuerunt per idem seruicium quod eadem terra debet scilicet per seruicium dimidii militis . pro omnibus seruiciis. Et pro hac concessione et carte méé confirmacione . dedit mihi predictus Ricardus duas marcas auri. Hiis testibus . Henrico filio Ailwini . Willelmo de Sancto Michaelle . Johanne Burguinun . Matheo Blundo . Mauricio de Warewic' . Willelmo de Cisseuerne . Willelmo Morin . Rogero filio Symonis . Johanne de Sumeri . Petro filio Henrici . Petro Bacun . Geruasio filio Alani . Roberto Bacun . Thoma de Warewic' . Johanne filio Elyn' . Radulfo fratre suo . Euerardo le Tieis . Nicolas Duket . Waltero Beuwalt' . Huberto clerico.

Endorsed: Carta Rogeri de Sumeri de Senlei. . . . (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on plaited cord: round, 2 in.; red. In armour standing to sinister, rounded helmet with neck guard, long sword, scabbard, long kite-shaped shield with spike boss; ✠ SIGILLVM ROGERI : DE : SUMERI :-

For the history of this transaction see *VCH Herts.* ii, sub 'Shenley', in particular p. 265. At Michaelmas 1179 William de Chenduit made a render of £133. 6s. 8d. *pro fine terre sue* (*PR 25 Hen. II.*, 56); this is the earliest entry on the rolls and as it works out at the round figure of 200 marks it suggests that his father Ralf must have lately died. Roger de Somery was dead at Michaelmas 1190 (*PR 2 Ric. I.*, 2). The witness Henry son of Ailwin was later the first mayor of London. The conveyance by William de Chenduit to Richard son of Reiner is PRO Ancient Deed A 5434: William's son, Ralf de Chenduit, confirmed it to Henry son of Reiner, Richard's brother, Ancient Deed A 5438.

For the different branches of the Somery family in Shenley see note to No. 79 above. In the Michaelmas term 1204 the present grant was the subject of litigation between Miles de Somery, Roger's brother, and Henry son of Reiner, Richard's brother (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iii. 168).

159

Charter of Thomas of Arden confirming to Stoneleigh abbey, Warw., the gift of Hugh of Arden, namely, 3 carucates of land, described, 5 acres of meadow from his demesne in Ratley, Warw., Knichtegrave, and pasture for specified animals. He himself grants as an addition 5 acres at Heigrave moor and 5 acres at Flexwelle.
(circa 1200)

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod ego Thomas de Ard' concessi et per cartam meam confirmaui donacionem quam Hugo de Arden' donauit deo et sancte Marie de Stanl' . et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam uidelicet tres carrucatas terre uidelicet trecentas et triginta acras tam in terris quam in pratis . partim in uno campo et partim in alio et quinque acras prati de dominico suo apud Rottel' et preterea unam grauam que uocatur KnictheGraue sicut bradeweie diuidit et pasturam trecentis ouibus et pasturam decem bobus cum suis bobus in

omnibus locis excepto parco. Preterea concedo et presenti carta mea confirmo prefate ecclesie de Stanl' et monachis in cressiamentum prenominate elemosine pro animabus antecessorum meorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et puerorum meorum quinque acras in uno campo et quinque in alio de dominico meo . scilicet quinque acras apud Heigraue moram cum terra et prato et quinque acras apud Flexwelle inter parcum et riuum. Quare uolo ut predicta ecclesia sancte Marie de Stanl' . et monachi eundem¹ loci totam istam prenominatam tenuram habeant et teneant in perpetuam elemosinam¹ in bosco et plano in uiis et semitis in pratis et pascuis et in omnibus aliis libertatibus eidem tenure adiacentibus integre et honorifice . libere et quiete ab omni exactione et seruicio seculari. Hiis testibus . Simone de Berchestun Nicholao clerico de Herdewic . Henrico de Arden' . Helia de Uptona . Willelmo de Warewic . Roberto Buteiler de Radeweie . Henrico de Kenillewrd' . et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; red. Equestrian, conical helmet, surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield;
✠ SIGILLUM TOMÆ : DE : ARDENÆ

See note to No. 46. Thomas was the son and successor of Henry of Arden, and since he here confirms the gifts of his uncle Hugh (for which see No. 138) the latter must have died without issue which survived. Heigrave and Flexwelle are apparently lost place-names in Ratley; the ordnance map shows a stream north-east of the village. The evidence of date is vague, but one near the beginning of the 13th century seems probable.

I60

Charter of William de Ros, son of William de Ros, confirming to the canons of St. Mary Overey, Southwark, the hermitage in the parish of Plumstead, Kent, with 3 acres of land in the marsh which they have of the gift of his ancestors. Further he gives them the land which his father gave to Roger Prat and the land with the wood from the hermitage to Roger's land. (1205-7)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 E 18.

BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . Willelmus de Ros filius Willelmi de Ros . salutem in domino. Ad omnium noticiam uolo peruenire . quod ego Willelmus pro amore dei . et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee Sibille . et antecessorum et successorum meorum confirmaui ecclesie sancte Marie de Suwerc et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus hermitorium quod est in parochia de Plumstede cum tribus acris terre in marisco . et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . quod habuerunt ex donacione antecessorum meorum. Preterea . in augmentum illius beneficii dedi et concessi et presenti carta confirmaui predictis canonicis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram quam pater meus dedit et concessit Rogero Prat pro salute anime sue cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Et preterea concessi eis totam terram cum bosco que est a prescripto hermitorio ⁊ usque terram ⁊ Rogeri predicti Prat a riuulo qui est uersus orientem usque Strode ⁊ uersus occidentem. Et ipsi canonici gracia dei et

¹ Sic.

predicti beneficii concesserunt mihi quod inuenient in predicto hermitorio aut canonicum aut capellanum ibidem pro anima mea et uxoris mee Sibille . et patris mei et matris mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum cotidie diuina celebrantem . saluo ubique iure matricis ecclesie de Plumstede. Hiis testibus . Johanne capellano de Plumstede . Johanne capellano de Wlewich . Roberto de Campaines . Roberto de Maleuile . Stephano de Ros . Radulfo Scot . Henrico filio Reineri . Petro filio Henrici filii Ailwini . Juliano fratre Roberti de Maleuile . Laurentio filio Willelmi de Camera . Ædmundo . Godefrido portario . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Karta Willelmi de Ros de hermitorio (*contemporary*) et iij acris in parochia de Plumsted'. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2 in.; green. Equestrian, conical helmet, long surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield, horse with fringed breastband; ✠ SIGI[LUV]M[. . . .] WILHELM[. . . .] DE BM 6392

For the grantor's family see D. C. Douglas, *The Domesday Monachorum of Canterbury*, 29, and Farrer (*HKF* iii. 194-6). An assize as to land in Lullingstone and Farningham in Kent of the Trinity term 1200 shows the grantor's father to be dead and he himself under age (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, i. 187); he was still under age in Sept. 1205 (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 50). On the other hand, the witness Peter son of Henry fitzAilwin, the first mayor of London, died before 30 Oct. 1207 (*ibid.* i. 95*b*). This charter is cited by Manning and Bray, *Hist. of Surrey*, iii. 562, from Dodsworth MSS. xxx. 21.

I6I

Charter of Henry de Pinkeny, lord of Weedon Pinkeny, now Weedon Lois, brother and heir of Robert de Pinkeny giving to Canons Ashby priory pasture in Weedon and Weston which they formerly held and which Robert, Henry's brother, had usurped; confirming also the lands the canons had in Weedon, Weston, and Wappenham of his ancestors' gifts. Weedon Pinkeny. 25 March 1298

BS FACSIMILE, first 21 words.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi, pt. 1. 443 from Pat. Roll 29 Edw. I, m. 17, without witnesses.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de Pynkeneye dominus de Wedon' Pynkeneye frater et heres quondam Roberti de Pinkeneye pro salute anime mee et predicti Roberti fratris mei et pro salute antecessorum meorum dedi concessi et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmaui deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Esseby et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus totam pasturam illam que uocatur le Hulle cum duobus holmis in campis de Wedon' et Weston' quam prius habuerant et diu tenuerant de dono et antiquo feofamento Roberti del Ho militis et eciam de confirmatione domini Henrici patris mei et ceterorum predecessorum meorum quam quidem pasturam predictus Robertus frater meus cum adhuc uiueret . ad magnum dampnum dictorum canonicorum sibi usurpauerat. Preterea concessi eisdem et presenti scripto meo confirmaui omnes terras et tenementa in uillis et campis de Wedon' Pinky . Weston' et Wappeham et in eadem consuetam bosci distribucionem in quas et in que habuerunt ingressum per donaciones et specialia feofamenta predictorum antecessorum meorum

diu ante et post decessum predicti Roberti fratris mei. Et eciam quod a festo sancti Michaelis usque ad purificationem beate Marie proxime sequentis quolibet anno in omnibus terris et pratis meis dominicis cum aueriis suis absque calumpnia uel impedimento mei uel heredum seu quorumcumque assignatorum meorum licite possint communicare. Habendam et tenendam dictam pasturam in Hulles et holmis in separabilitate cum competenti via adminus latitudinis triginta pedum ad chaciam quorumcumque animalium suorum fugando ea per terras meas et refugando sine dispendario in pratis meis faciendo. Ac eciam omnes predictas terras et tenementa libertates et consuetudines liberas ab omni genere seruicii secularis quietas et absolutas dictis deo ecclesie canonicis et eorum successoribus bene et pacifice imperpetuum . sicut ulla elemosinā liberius quietius et purius dari poterit et concedi. Et ego predictus Henricus et heredes mei vel assignati qualescumque ad quorum manus contigerit terras et tenementa mea in predictis uillis deuenire dictis deo ecclesie canonicis et eorum successoribus predictam pasturam et omnes terras et tenementa predicta sicut eis a predictis predecessoribus meis caritatiue collata tanquam liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes gentes et earum calumpnias warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. In omnium premissorum testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus domino Radulfo rectore de Norton' . domino Ricardo de Bray rectore de Wodeford Willelmo de Sancto Johanne domino de Plumpton' . Galfrido Luuel de Farthingeston' . Waltero de Bradden' . Egidio de Morton . Johanne le mareschal de Esseby . et aliis. Datum apud Wedon Pinky in festo annunciacionis beate Marie . anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; green. Equestrian, helmet with comb crest, surcoat, shield charged with a fess of five fusils, sword, horse with comb crest, trappings with same arms on fore and rear; **S' HENRICI : PINKNEY**

For the Pinkney family see *CP*, 2nd ed. x. 521–6. No. 264 below is a charter of the grantor's brother, Robert. The river Tove flows eastwards towards Towcester between Wappenham and Weedon making rich river meadows for pasture between hills over 400 feet on each side.

I62

A duplicate of No. 92.

SEAL same as to No. 92: fuller legend: **[SIGILLUM] : MILISENTE : DE : STA . . .**

I63

Agreement between Robert the parson of Allextun, Leics., and Peter son of Hasculf the forester as to an oratory founded by Peter in his house at Allextun. (1186–9)

BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri hanc esse conuentionem inter Rodbertum personam de Athelakest' . et Petrum filium Hasculfi forestarium . scilicet . quod Rodbertus persona concessit prefato Petro . quod faciet diuina celebrari in oratorio quod fundatum est in

curia antedicti Petri per manum capellani proprii predicti R. persone . et per uestimenta matricis ecclesie et per calicem et per cetera utensilia que illi officio sunt necessaria . ita quod nullus alius in prenominato oratorio aliquo tempore diuina celebrabit . nisi per concessionem iamdicte persone uel uicarii sui. Prenominatus uero R. non tenetur aliquo die in septimana uel capellanus suus diuina celebrare . nisi spontanea uoluntate et absque omni coactione in iamdicto oratorio. Et sciendum est quod ecclesia de Athelachest' nichil debet amittere in decimis . in conuentionibus . in oblationibus uel in aliquibus rebus occasione celebracionis prescripti oratorii. Petrus uero forestarius religione fidei firmavit predictam conuentionem obseruandam et quod nec ipse nec heredes sui artem uel ingenium querent in aliquo . quo conditio matricis ecclesie deterioretur. Et insuper dedit sepedictus P. forestarius . in recognitionem iuris prefate matricis ecclesie de Athelakester unam acram terre in Bruneswald. Hec autem conuentio facta fuit coram . H. Licoln' episcopo . et Hamone archidiacono Leicestr' et coram toto capitulo.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; yellow. Equestrian, helmet not clear, sword, shield with spike boss; ✠ SIGILLU' PE[TRI FILII HÆ]SCULFI

The interesting history of Hasculf the forester and his descendants may be read in a record of the Rutland Eyre of 1269, which is largely occupied with the misdeeds of his great-grandson Peter de Neville (*Select Pleas of the Forest*, Selden Soc. 44 et seq.). Hasculf was appointed forester in Leicestershire and Rutland by Henry I at some date before 1130 since he occurs as forester on the Pipe Roll of that year (p. 87); he was killed in his own house by Bartholomew de Verdun in the reign of Stephen. His son Peter was appointed by Henry II and occurs as forester on the Pipe Roll of 1167 (p. 125); he lived till the reign of John and married a niece of Ives son of Alan de Neville by whom he had a son Hasculf, father of Peter de Neville. The chronicler Roger of Howden records that in 1194 on 6 Apr. Richard I and the king of Scots 'came to the house of Peter the forester of Rutland' (RS iii. 243).

Since Peter's father Hasculf was already a forester in 1130 and died before 1155 the bishop of Lincoln here mentioned may safely be identified with St. Hugh (1186–1200) rather than Hugh of Welles, consecrated at Melun 20 Dec. 1209. The only other occurrence of Hamo archdeacon of Leicester so far noted is in a charter in the Boarstall cartulary (Ox. Hist. Soc. 7), the date being 1186–9. For a list of archdeacons see *Registrum Antiquissimum* (LRS iii. 230 n.). The only time when Hamo can be fitted in with any probability is after Baldric de Sigillo and before Roger of Rolleston, who first occurs in 1191. A Hamo was dean of Lincoln 1189–95 and it seems probable that he is the same man as this archdeacon of Leicester. 1189 seems therefore the latest limit of date.

I64

Charter of Robert de Acastre giving to the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem 4 selions of arable land in Kneeton, Notts. (Early Henry III)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 B 4.

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Robertus de Acastre salutem in domino. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse . & dedisse . & hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo . & beate Marie . & sancto Johanni baptiste . & beatis pauperibus sancte domus Hospitalis Jhrlm' quatuor seliones terre arabilis

cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in territorio de Kniueton' . qui iacent in Galle . & abuttant super campum de Flintam . scilicet tres seliones jacentes inter terram Johannis filii Mabilie . & terram domine Alicie . & unum selionem iacentem inter terram predictae domine Alicie . & terram Roberti Nobilis. Tenendos . & habendos . in liberam . puram . & perpetuam elemosinam . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius aut melius alicui domui religionis dari potest. Et ego Robertus de Acastre & heredes mei predictos seliones cum omnibus pertinenciis suis deo . & beate Marie . & sancto Johanni baptiste . & beatis pauperibus domus Hospitalis Jhrlm' . contra omnes gentes in perpetuum warrantizabimus.¹ In huius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic scripto apposui. Hiis testibus . domino Waltero de Gousele . domino Galfrido de Stokes . domino Waltero pincerna . Willelmo filio Radulfi de Kniueton' . Willelmo Pedeliu' . Henrico de Houerigham . Thoma filio Osberti de Flinham . Durant de Gorram² . Roberto de Aueringes . Ricardo Bretel . Roberto de Auburne . Willelmo filio Johannis . Rogero clerico . & aliis.

No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, ermine a chief; † S' ROBERTI: DE: ACASTRIS (sic).
BM 6759

I65

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words. Abbreviated. Indented.

An agreement made the Sunday next before the Nativity of the blessed Mary in the first year of the reign of Edward III at Earl's Colne between Adam le³ Bloy, knight, and William son of William Gernoun, knight, of the one part and John son of Henry Lucas of Shalford of the other; namely, that Adam and William have delivered to John a certain writing of quitclaim made to William touching chattels and a moiety of his land and tenements in the village of Copford (*Gofford*), Great and Little Birch, Easthorpe, Stanway, and Ardleigh, which were delivered to Adam by the sheriff of Essex, by virtue of the king's writ to be held in custody on such condition that if William shall pay Adam £31 at the priory church of Earl's Colne, &c., or if Adam implead William touching the chattels and moiety aforesaid and William appears to answer to the writ, unless William makes default in the payment aforesaid, then John shall deliver the writing of quitclaim to William, &c. Sealing clause. Earl's Colne: 6 Sept. 1327.

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; brown on white. Shield of arms, on a fess between a lion passant guardant in chief and a saltire in base three roundels;⁴ SIG .. SV

All the places named are in Essex. The Gernon family held land in Copford (Morant, *Essex*, ii. 196); 'Gofford' is a scribal error for Cofford. In 1346 John Gernoun held a fee and a quarter in Birch and Easthorpe, formerly held by William Gernoun (*FA* ii. 172). In 1312 and 1333 Adam de Bloy held the manor of Blois in Steeple Bumpstead (Morant, *op. cit.* ii. 350).

I66

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Charter of John Peyvre (*Peyuer*) son of Paulin Peyvre giving to Richard Grusset and his heirs for his service the headland of one selion of his land in Maids Moreton, Bucks. (*Morton*), in length three rods and in breadth two rods and a half, for the enclosing and enlarging of his house and court; rendering

¹ Warranty clause omitted BS.

² Gorham BS.

³ Sic for *de*.

⁴ Not identified, but as only one tag probably for LUCAS.

therefor yearly at Christmas one root of ginger (*unam radicem zingiber*) for all service. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Hugone de Castilon . Ricardo filio Ricardi . Simone de Seintliz militibus . Gileberto de Mortona . Elia de Drois Johanne filio Maurici¹ Radulfo de Langeport . Nicholao le Bretun . Rogero clerico et aliis.' (1257-67.)

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; red. Shield of arms, a chevron; ✠ **SIGILLUM . IOHANN' PEIVRE**

For this family see *CP*, 2nd ed. x. 513 et seq. The donor was the son and heir of Paulin Peyvre, for whom see *BHRS* x. 316-20. The limits of date are that John was under age in Feb. 1257 (*Close Rolls*, 1256-9, 37) and was lately dead in Aug. 1267 (*ibid.* 1264-7, 328).

I67

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 D 41.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words. Indented.

Agreement between William of Rochester (*Rofa*) and Henry of Rochester his brother by which William demised and granted to Henry all the land which Adam the forester held in the village of Rivenhall, Ess. (*Riuhall*), with the messuage and all appurtenances and with a way through the middle of the wood: to hold to Henry, his heirs and assigns from the Easter next after the passage of the king's sister into Germany ('proximo post passagium sororis regis date in Alemanniam') till the end of ten years, rendering therefor yearly 13 shillings and 6 pence, namely, 6 shillings and 9 pence at Easter and 6 shillings and 9 pence at Michaelmas for all service except the king's service as much as belongs to so much land of the same fee. For this demise and grant Henry gave William 40 shillings. Warranty clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Ricardo de Rofa . Hugone de Essex' . Balduino de Bolonia . Geruasio del Ho . Radulfo de Coggeshale . Ricardo de Chemin' . Willelmo del Hel . et multis aliis.' (1235-6.)

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; brown on white. Shield of arms, per pale, dexter a fess, sinister blank; ✠ **SIGILLUM] ROV**

Tag only remains on the original.

In 1217 Ralf de Roucestria held 5½ fees, including Rivenhall, of the honor of Boulogne (*Fees*, 240). William, the grantor, apparently Ralf's son, died shortly before 24 Oct. 1249 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 155). Isabel sister of Henry III married the Emperor Frederick II on 20 July 1235.

I68

BS FACSIMILE, first 5 words.

Letters patent of Thomas de Haukeston', knight, releasing to James de Audley (*Daudele*) lord of Redcastle, Salop (*Rubeo Castro*), and Heighley, Staffs. (*Heleie*), all his right and claim in the lands and tenements which the said James has enclosed (*appriuauit*) up to the day of the execution of these presents in his wood of Northwode in Marchamley in Hodnet, Salop (*Marchumleie*). Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo Leuersete Willelmo de Watenhull' Roberto le¹ Say Iohanne de Lakene et aliis.' Heighley, Staffs.: 11 Dec. 1341.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red. Between a wyvern on either side a shield of arms, ermine a fess fretty; * **S' Thome . DE . hAVERESTON**

For James de Audley see *CP*, 2nd ed. i. 339-40; in 1346 he was holding Marchamley for a quarter of a knight's fee (*FA* iv. 236). The map shows Northwood just north of Marchamley.

¹ *Sic.*

I69

ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xxviii. 40.

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words. Indented.

Indenture witnessing that John of Pavenham, Beds. (*Pabeham*), has attorned to Robert the chamberlain from the tenement of Emberton (*Embirtun*) the service which John of Lathbury, Bucks. (*Lazebery*), was wont to do by right; and Robert shall render to John of Pavenham 24 shillings and 6 pence yearly, half at Michaelmas and half at Lady Day; and for this the manor of Petsoe, Bucks. (*Petterisso*), is liable to distraint by John of Pavenham during John of Lathbury's life. Emberton: 27 Sept. 1327. John of Pavenham will acquit Robert against John of Lathbury in regard to the aforesaid payment for ever.

No endorsement.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, barry of six on a bend three pierced mullets; * *S' IOHIS DE . ABEH . M.*

In 1316 Joan la Chamberlain held lands in Petsoe and Emberton, Bucks. (*FA* i. 110); in 1346 Robert le Chamberleyn held $\frac{1}{4}$ fee in Petsoe, formerly held by Joan (*ibid.* i. 130).

HACTENUS EX CARTIS EIUSDEM HENRICI ST. GEORGE

EX CARTIS THOME COMITIS STRAFFORD
LOCUMTENENTIS HIBERNIE

I70

BS FACSIMILE. Indented.

Charter of William of Wentworth (*Wyntewrth*) the elder quitclaiming to Joan daughter of John le Heyr whom Bertram of Bolingbroke has taken to wife and the heirs of the body of the same Joan all right or claim which he had has or may have in 100 shillings' worth of rent receivable yearly from the manor of Sutton Veney, Wilts. (*Fenny Sutton*), at the octave of Michaelmas and at Easter in equal portions with all wardships, marriages, &c., arising therefrom. If Joan die without an heir of her body the aforesaid rent to revert to the grantor and his heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Thoma de Lungeuilers Edmundo de Cressy Hugone de Hercy militibus Johanne Power Hugone de Tothill' Iohanne Fouler de Stokhith' et aliis.' (Mid 14th century.)

SEAL on strip: round, $\frac{13}{16}$ in.; red. Within a cusped panel with a leopard's face at top a shield of arms, a chevron between three leopards' faces [WENTWORTH]; no legend.

The possession of the original charter by the earl of Strafford shows the grantor to have been a Wentworth of Wentworth Woodhouse. The best account of the family is in Hunter's *South Yorkshire*, and the pedigree on p. 89 shows that from the time of Edward I Wentworth was held by six Williams in succession, the third of whom married Isabel daughter and coheir of Walter of Tinsley. In 1327 there was a partition of Walter's lands between his daughters, (1) Isabel wife of William of Wentworth, and (2) Joan, who married first John Eyre of Chesterfield, Derbs., and secondly Hugh of Toothill in Rastrick, Yorks. (Hunter, *op. cit.* ii. 32). John Eyre or Le Heyr had a daughter Joan who married Bertram of Bolingbroke (*ibid.*) and is the grantee here; she was therefore William's niece by marriage. The connexion of Wentworth with Sutton Veney is obscure. In 1195 a William of London made a render for half a knight's fee and for land held by serjeanty in Nettleworth and Warsop, Notts., and Tinsley, Yorks. (*PR 7 Ric. I*, 21). In 1242-3 a William de Lundoniis and two others held a knight's fee in Sutton Veney of Henry Huse (*Fees*, 718). Lastly, in 1371 there is a fine between Bertram of Bolingbroke, querent, and John son of Bertram

of Bolingbroke, deforciant, of the manor of Ordsall and a moiety of the manor of Nettleworth, Notts., and of land in Greasborough and a moiety of the manor of Tinsley, Yorks. (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Rec. Ser., *Yorks. Fines*, 229). This suggests that Nettleworth may have passed from the London to the Tinsley family and have been partitioned in 1327 between the Tinsley coheirs; a possible London-Tinsley-Wentworth succession may have given Wentworth an interest in Sutton Veney, if only a contingent one.

EX CARTIS JOHANNIS PHILIPOTT SOMERSET ARMIGERI
ANNO 1640

I71

Notification by William earl of Gloucester that he has granted to Monkton Farleigh priory, Wilts., freedom from toll at Bristol. Bristol (1147-83)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 16.

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus comes Glouc' . dapifero suo . et hominibus suis omnibus Francis et Anglis . et preposito de Bristou . et ministris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse pro salute mea . et mée uxoris . et antecessorum meorum . ut prior et monachi de Ferlega emant sibi necessaria apud Bristou . sine theloneo . et omni consuetudine quam ulli inde dent. Testibus . Gregorio de Turri . Adam de Eli . Henrico Tusardo . Apud Bristou.

Endorsed: W. comes . de Bristeu . de theloneo. (12th century.)

Strip only for seal. There is a fragment of an equestrian seal on the original.

The limits of date are those of William's accession to the earldom and his death.

I72

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 C 15.

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Fulk fitzWarin giving to Thomas de Barri free pasture for 14 animals in all his pastures in Alveston, Gloucs., *exceptis parcis meis clausis*; to hold of the grantor and his heirs to the grantee and his heirs, rendering therefor yearly 1 penny at Michaelmas. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus. Domino Willelmo de Hoddeneth . Domino Ricardo de Crumhall' . Domino Gilberto de Lue Ricardo Deuerus . Matheo parkario . Johanne fratre suo . Reginaldo Reuel . Et multis aliis.' (Early Henry III.) No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2¼ in.; red. *Obv.*:¹ equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, shield, sword; SIGI[LLVM . FVLC]ONIS : F[ILII . WARIN]I. *Rev.*: within a traceried quatrefoil a shield of arms, quarterly per fess indented;² ✠ SIGI[LLVM . FVL]CONIS [FILII . WA]RINI BM 6022

In 1235-6 Fulk fitzWarin held half a knight's fee in Alveston (*Fees*, 442). From the 12th to the 15th century successive heads of the family bore the name of Fulk (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 495 et seq.). In 1242-3 Richard de Crumhal' with two others was holding a knight's fee in Sutton Veney, Wilts. (*Fees*, 718, 731), and a William de Hodinet was holding in Staverton, Northants. (*ibid.* 1288).

¹ Shown at the side; rev. on the tag.

² The indentation shown on dexter side only.

I73

Charter of William Burnel giving, with the consent of William his heir, to Monkton Farleigh priory, Wilts., all his land in Hewda which Hwiting holds of him. (1200–20)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri . quod ego Willelmus Burnel assensu Willelmi heredis mei dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui totam terram meam de Hewda . quam Hwitingus de me tenet . deo et sancte Marie Magdalene de Ferl' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam . liberam et quietam ab omni seruitio et exactione. Hoc autem feci pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et quie¹ sum frater illius domus et ibi ero sepultus . cum de hac vita decessero. Huius autem donationis testes sunt hii . dominus Henricus de Buhun comes Hereford' . Radulfus filius Willelmi . et Robertus et Gaufridus fratres ipsius . Gaufridus et Ricardus de Erlega . Humfridus de Scouilla . Philippus forestarius . Gaufrido² Burinel fratre meo . et Johanne Palmero . Thoma coco . Helia pistore . Clemente pistore . Scarlato . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; green. Equestrian, conical helmet, surcoat, shield, sword; ✠ SIGILL[VM] WIL[LELM]I BVRNEL I.

The donor was of Acton Burnell, Salop; he succeeded his brother Thomas in or shortly before 1195 (*PR 7 Ric. I*, 246), and died about 1220, being succeeded by his son William (Eyton, *Shropshire*, vi. 122). Henry de Bohun was created earl of Hereford on 28 Apr. 1200 and died 1 June 1220. 'Hewda' has not been identified.

I74

Charter of Richard I giving to Robert son of Hugh of Northampton, in consideration of a payment of £30 sterling, Upton beside Northampton and two hides in Northampton which William 'de Balliuo' held of Earl Simon and the meadow of 'Kingishale'.

Nonancourt: 14 March 1190

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 27.

BS FACSIMILE.

Mentioned: Baker, *Northamptonshire*, i. 222, citing 'Hatton MSS. Cart. Antiq.'. Landon, *Itin.*, No. 229.

Ricardus dei gracia rex Angl' . dux Norm' . Aquit' . comes And' . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . justic' . vicecomitibus . et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis tocus terre sue salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse . Roberto filio Hugonis de Norhanth' pro seruicio suo . pro xxx libris sterlingorum quas nobis dedit . Vpethonam iuxta Norhanth' cum pertinentiis suis . et duas hidas terre in Norhanth' . quas Willelmus de Balliuo tenuit de comite Simone cum pertinentiis suis . et pratum de Kingishale . sibi et heredibus suis tenenda de nobis

¹ sic for 'quia'.

² Sic.

et heredibus nostris . sicut carta . H. patris nostri quam inde habet testatur. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus . quod predictus Robertus filius Hugonis . et heredes sui habeant et teneant omnia hec predicta . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in bosco et plano . in pratis et pasturis . in aquis et molendinis . in viis et semitis . et in omnibus aliis locis infra burgum et extra . et in omnibus aliis rebus ad ea pertinentibus . bene et in pace et¹ libere et quiete . plenarie integre et honorifice. Testibus . Waltero Rothom' archiepiscopo . Johanne Ebroicen'² . Hugone Couentrensi episcopis . Willelmo filio Radulfi tunc senescallo Norm' . Roberto de Harecort . et pluribus aliis. Data per manum Johannis de Alenc' . Lexouien' archidiaconi vicecancellarii nostri xiiij . die Martis apud Nonantcort . regni nostri anno primo.

No endorsement.

No seal or tag is shown.

BM 84

The grantee was Robert son of Hugh son of Robert son of Sewin of a well-known Northampton family (see *HKF* i. 41–4). The present charter purports to be a gift but is in reality a confirmation, for all the tenements here granted were given by Henry II to the donee's grandfather, Robert son of Sewin. The present charter is obviously modelled on the original grant (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, iii. 478). Thereafter the Pipe Rolls show continuous possession by Robert son of Sewin and his descendants. Richard I was using the occasion to extort £30 from Robert.

I75

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 48 G 39.

BS FACSIMILE.

Release and quitclaim by Elizabeth Comyn to Hugh le Despenser, son of Hugh le Despenser, earl of Winchester, of all her right and claim in the castle, manor, village, and honor of Goodrich (*Goderiche-castel*), Heref., and all things pertaining thereto. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus dominis Ingelramo Bereng' . Thoma le Blound Egidio de Bello campo Martino de Fissheacre Roberto de Grendon militibus Roberto de Wodehous Willelmo de Clyf' clericis et aliis. Datum apud' (*sic*). (Pirbright: 20 Apr. 1325.)

Endorsed: Quieta clamancia de castro et manerio de Goderichecastel. (*Contemporary*.)

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red. Within a traceried quatrefoil a shield of arms, three sheaves [COMYN], hanging by a strap from a hook and between sprigs; * SIGILLUM . ELIZABETH . COMYN †

BM 8903

Elizabeth was daughter of John Comyn of Badenoch, the claimant to the throne of Scotland, who was murdered by Robert Bruce in 1306, by Joan daughter of William de Valence, earl of Pembroke. She was coheir of her brother John Comyn killed at Bannockburn in 1314, and later she was coheir of her cousin Aymer de Valence, earl of Pembroke, who died 23 June 1323; it was thus that Goodrich came to her. She married Richard Talbot, ancestor of the earls of Shrewsbury. On the Patent Roll of 22 Edw. III is the exemplification of an inquest which found that she had been carried off by the Despensers and at Pirbright on 20 Apr. 1325 had been forced by threats to grant the manor of Painswick to the father and Goodrich to the son and to acknowledge the same before John de Bouser, justice of the Bench (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, viii. 122).

¹ Omitted BS.

² Ebroien' BS.

I76

Charter of Nigel de Mowbray granting to Sulby abbey, Northants., for their monks dwelling in the Isle of Axholme, Lincs., common of pasture in Owston, Lincs., and Melwood, Lincs., and also licence to keep a mastiff. (1186-90)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 G 56.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 395.

No tag or seal shown. Slits only for tag on original.

I77

Charter of Osbert son of Hugh confirming to Walter Cumin, brother of John Cumin, the land of Stretton on the Fosse, Warw., which Walter holds of Hugh Hubald and Hugh of the grantor. (1163-73)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 A 45.

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris ad quos presens carta uenerit ⁊ Osbertus filius Hugonis ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Waltero Cumin fratri Johannis Cumin in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis terram de Strattona . unde Hugo Hubald' est homo meus . et ipse Walterus homo Hugonis. Tenendum hereditarie per seruicium unius seruientis peditis in marchia Wallie . quem Hugo . uel ipse Walterus pro eo mihi tenebit octo¹ diebus per annum . in submonitione xv dierum ante. Et uolo et concedo quod pro defectu alterius seruitii quam istius . quod Hugo mihi debeat ⁊ terra Walteri predicta non namietur uel grauetur in aliquo. Quare uolo quod predictus Walterus Cumin et heredes sui habeant et teneant supranominatam terram dum² omnibus pertinentiis suis libere et quiete atque honorifice per predictum seruicium. Testibus hiis . Ricardo archidiacono Pict' . Hugo² de Sai . Hugone Poerio . Elya filio Galfridi . Willelmo Rupa . Willelmo de Emundescota . Symone de Ribbef' . Randulfo de Swinford' . Roberto de Wich' . Rogero de Radeford' . Osberto de Estleg'.

Endorsed: de terra de Strettona. (Contemporary.)

Osberti filii Hugonis conf' Waltero Cumin. (12th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; yellow; much broken. Equestrian, long surcoat, shield with pointed boss; [✠ SIGILLVM . OSBERT]I . FILII . [HVGONIS] BM 5973 and cf. 5972

The grantor, a great-grandson of Richard son of Scrob, was lord of Richard's castle and a considerable tenant-in-chief. The grantee was Walter Cumin of Snitterfield, Warw. The limits of date are supplied by the attestation of Richard of Ilchester, archdeacon of Poitiers; he first appears as such in 1163 and was elected to the see of Winchester in 1173.

¹ The clerk wrote *p* for *per* and corrected it by deleting the tail to *o*. Correctly written BS.

² *Sic*.

The charter is of interest as affording a possible clue to the origin of John Cumin, archbishop of Dublin, who was already a royal official in 1164 and who died in 1212. The grantee, a Warwickshire landowner, is somewhat surprisingly described by his relationship to a man who was apparently his younger brother. The first witness, Richard the archdeacon, however, was an important royal official, and if John Cumin be identical with the future archbishop of that name, the explanation may be that the charter was drafted from, so to speak, an official point of view. The hand in which the charter is written and the general format of the document are very reminiscent of the royal charters put out by the chancery clerks.

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Charter of Baldwin de Reviers, earl of Devon, confirming to Quarr abbey the land of Luccombe, Isle of Wight, which he had given to Hugh de Mandeville and which Hugh gave to the abbey with himself. (1141-4)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 D 21.

BS FACSIMILE.

Ego Bald' de Riv' . comes Exonię ꝛ pro salute anime meę . dono & concedo & hac mea cartula confirmo deo & abbacie sancte Marie sanctique Johannis euangelistę de Quarraria . totam terram de Louecumba cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ꝛ liberam & quietam ab omnibus terrenis seruitiis. Quam quidem terram donaueram Hugoni de Mandauill' pro seruitio suo ꝛ & ipse postmodum hanc eandem terram per manum meam donauit secum in elemosinam predictę abbacie ꝛ concedente Ricardo de Riv' . filio meo. Testibus Willelmo de Moreuill' . Gaufrido de Fornell' . Hugone Peverello . Sanson Foliot . Pagano Trenchart . Peuerello de Arg'.

Endorsed: Carta de Louecumba . comitis Baldewini. (12th century.)

No seal or tag is shown. Slits only for tag on original.

Hugh de Mandeville must have been a junior member of a family which was closely connected with that of the Reviers, earls of Devon, and which came from Magneville (départ. Manche, arr. Valognes, canton Bricquebec) about 3 km. north-east of Néhou, the *caput* of the Reviers barony in Cotentin. In 1093 Richard de Reviers and Roger de Mandeville assisted the future Henry I to obtain the *comté* of the Cotentin (William of Jumièges, *Gesta Normannorum Ducum*, lib. viii, cap. 4, by Robert of Torigny; ed. Marx, 271). Roger and his brother Geoffrey both came to England early in Henry I's reign, the former being the ancestor of the Mandevilles of Erlestoke, Wilts., and the latter of those of Marshwood, Dors. Both of them witness in Normandy a charter for the abbey of St.-Sauveur-le-Vicomte (Delisle, *Hist. du Château de St.-Sauveur-le-Vicomte*: 'Preuves', 55), and in England one of Richard de Reviers (d. 1107) for Christchurch priory, Hants (*Mon.* vi. 304). This charter must be later than the creation of the earldom of Devon in 1141; on the other hand, Hugh de Mandeville's gift of Luccombe here confirmed is among the numerous benefactions confirmed by Earl Baldwin's 'foundation' charter of 1141-4 (see V. H. Galbraith, *Cambridge Historical Journal*, iv. 217, 297). After the gift had been thus included in a general confirmation a specific grant would be unnecessary, and it is therefore presumably the earlier of the two. Hugh died before 1162, since a gift of his son Symeon to Quarr is confirmed by Richard de Reviers, earl of Devon (*Mon.* v. 317).

179

Charter of Ralf Butler lord of Badminton, Gloucs., and Maud Pantolf, his wife, giving to Adam rector of the church of Weston Birt, for 15 shillings which he has given them, William de la Pyrie of Badminton, lately their serf. (Henry III)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 I 32.

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Radulfus le Butyller dominus de Badminton' et Matildis Pantolf uxor eius salutem in domino. Noueritis nos dedisse concessisse et presenti scripto confirmasse domino Ade rectori ecclesie de Weston' la Bret pro quindecim solidis argenti quos nobis dedit Willelmum de la Pyrie de Badminton' quondam natium nostrum. Habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis vel suis inde assignatis cum omni sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis liberum et quietum ab omni specie seruitutis . et solutum a nobis et heredibus nostris inperpetuum. Et nos et heredes nostri istam donacionem concessionem et confirmacionem nostram predicto domino Ade et heredibus suis vel suis inde assignatis warentizabimus inperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigilla nostra duximus apponenda. Testibus Jurdano de Oldebur' . Willelmo de Caldewelle . Rogero de Aula Johanne le Bret . et aliis.

Endorsed: manumissio Willelmi de la Pirie de Badminton'. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL (on left tag; that on right missing): round, c. 1½ in.; white. Within a traceried quatrefoil a shield of arms, a fess checky [BOTELER].

Tags only for the seals remain on original.

This was a common method by which a serf purchased, through the agency of a friendly ecclesiastical person or religious house, the freedom he could not openly buy with his own money, which was, according to the current legal theory, his lord's.

180

Charter of Roger la Zouche giving, with the assent of Margaret his wife, to Maiden Bradley priory for the maintenance of the lights half a virgate of land in North Tidworth, Wilts., which Hugh Denge holds, and Hugh himself and all his issue. (1199-1227)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 58 D 44.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus la Suche assensu Margarete uxoris mee dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie pro anima mea et pro animabus patris et matris mee . et pro anima Margarete uxoris mee . et pro animabus patris et matris ipsius . et pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum et heredum . dominabus leprosis de Bradel' et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus ad

luminaria dominarum sustinenda dimidiam uirgata[m] terre in Tudewortha quam Hugo Denge tenuit cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et ipsum Hugonem cum tota secta sua. Habend' et possidend' in perpetuum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut aliqua terra melius uel liberius dari uel teneri poterit. Hanc autem donationem et concessionem ego et Margareta uxor mea et heredes nostri contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus. Et ut hec mea donatio et concessio in perpetuum rata perseueret ⁊ eam presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione confirmaui. Hiis testibus . Hugone de Ang' . Hunfrido de Scouill' . Henrico de Huford' . Enger' Cauuel' . Radulfo Rufo . Ricardo de Ang' . Waltero de Beaumis . Ada Penstan . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Rogeri la Suche de dimidia virgata in Tudewerze. (*Late 13th century.*)

SEAL on cord: round, 2 in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a fess fretty between six plants;
 ✠ SIGILLU' : ROGERI HE BM 14688

Alan la Zouche, Roger's father, was a younger son of Geoffrey vicomte of Porhœet (*Mon.* vi. 263). A charter of Alan's for the abbey of Savigny (Morice, *Hist. de Bretagne*, 'Preuves', i, col. 656) shows that he married Alice daughter and eventually heir of Philip de Belmeis (cf. *Mon.*, loc. cit.; *HKF* i. 129) and that his son and heir was William. Alan was dead at Michaelmas 1190 when William who had taken his mother's name of Belmeis paid 100 marks for his relief (*PR 2 Ric. I*, 130). William died before Michaelmas 1199, when his brother Roger la Zouche made a render of £100 for his land (*PR 1 John*, 197). The present charter is presumably later than this, and must be earlier than 15 May 1227, when Henry III confirmed the gift in question (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 41). Letters of protection were issued in favour of Humphrey de Scoville, described as a knight of Roger la Zouche, in 1215 (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 231 b). He witnessed William Burnel's charter for Monkton Farleigh priory, No. 173 above.

181

Charter of Henry II confirming to Monkton Farleigh priory the land of Codford (St. Peter?), Wilts., which Walter de Dunstanville and Alan his brother gave for the soul of Robert de Dunstanville their uncle. Le Mans (1167-9)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 23.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Delisle et Berger, *Recueil des Actes de Henri II*, No. 280, i. 428, from the original. Mentioned: Eyton, *Itin.* 111.

Fragment of seal on cord: red.

For the family of Dunstanville see *HKF* iii. 37 et seq. and *BM Facsimiles*, No. 77. Robert de Dunstanville, the uncle, occurs on the Pipe Roll of 1167 as holding *terrae datae* in Wilts. and Devon as for the whole year (*PR 13 Hen. II*, 126, 169); on the roll of 1168 Walter is shown as holding these lands as for the whole year (*PR 14 Hen. II*, 157, 125). Robert must have died at a date not far removed from Michaelmas 1167. The later limit of date is supplied by the death of the witness Hilary bishop of Chichester on 19 July 1169. Eyton (loc. cit.) attributes this charter to Dec. 1167, when both the king and Bishop Hilary were in the neighbourhood of Le Mans.

182

Notification that Ansketil (de Saucy) has granted one half of Newbold Saucy, Leics., to Robert son of Osmund (of Leicester) and has pledged the other half to him for two marks. The agreement was made in the presence of Ansketil's lord Ives de Harcourt who is surety for its performance. (Not later than 1166)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 C 40.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 461.

Fragment of seal on tag: brown.

The grantor was the ancestor of the family from which Newbold Saucy took its distinguishing appellation, and they presumably came from La Saussaye (départ. Eure, arr. Louviers, cant. Amfreville-la-Campagne), a fief of the Norman branch of the Harcourts (Le Prevost, *Notes sur l'Eure*, iii. 220). A charter of the grantee for Nuneaton priory is printed in *Danelaw Charters*, No. 316, in which he is described as 'of Leicester'. The present instrument is mentioned by Nichols (*Hist. of Leicestershire*, ii, pt. 2, 766-7), who also cites from the register of Owston abbey a charter of Robert son of Osmund giving his moiety of Newbold to that house. The fact that Ives de Harcourt is a witness means that the charter was granted before his death in the latter part of 1166.

183

Charter of Rannulf de Bayeux and Margaret his wife confirming to Alan of Ripplingale, Lincs., and the heirs of his body the land which Swein of Kirkeby held, Swein himself, with his heir, consenting. (1130-58; probably circa 1140)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 F 16.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 468.

SEAL on strip: round, $2\frac{3}{8}$ in.; yellow. A lamb walking to dexter, supporting with right forefoot a staff with cross formy at top and a banner with two streamers and charged with a saltire.

A later addition to the Lindsey Survey states that Rannulf de Bayeux married Margaret daughter of Alan of Lincoln (*LRS* xix. 246), and on the Pipe Roll of 31 Hen. I (p. 111) Rannulf proffers 20 marks for the daughter of Alan of Lincoln. This charter cannot therefore be earlier than 1130. Rannulf must have died not long before Michaelmas 1158, when his son Hugh made a render of 20 marks *pro terra sua* (*PR* 4 Hen. II, 137). There are two joint charters of Rannulf, his wife Margaret, Hugh his son and heir, and another son for Newhouse abbey, one of which, addressed to Alexander bishop of Lincoln, cannot be later than the beginning of 1148 (Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, Nos. 244, 255); since no son joins in the present charter there seems reason to place it substantially earlier than these. A charter of Rannulf's son, Hugh, is printed by Stenton in *English Feudalism*, 274.

I84

Charter of Ralf de Boscherville granting to Trentham priory, Staffs., the church of Sutton Scarsdale, Derbs., saving the right of Henry the clerk in a moiety thereof.
(circa 1166–82)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Madox, *Formulare*, No. 416, without witnesses, from a copy certified by Zacharias official of the archdeacon of Stafford.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . et nominatim uenerabili gracia dei episcopo Couentrensi . necnon et eadem gracia archidiacono Derb' omnibusque suis ministris Radulphus de Boscheruilla salutem. Uniuersitati uestre sit constans et ratum me dedisse et inperpetuam elemosinam concessisse ecclesiam de Suthun . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis deo et ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Trentham et religiosis fratribus ibidem¹ deo seruientibus et hoc petitione et concessu Henrici clerici qui una mecum in conspectu domini episcopi Richardi Couentrensis aparuit ad presentationem prioris de Trentham ubi prior et fratres inpersonati sunt apud Ecclesale in prenominata ecclesia . saluo iure predicti Henrici in omnibus uidelicet salua medietate Henrici quam tenet et² ecclesia Suthun perpetualiter de priore et fratribus . et salua omni consuetudine de terra ecclesie quam iuste exigere debeo. Inde est quod benignitatem et paternitatem dompni episcopi humili et precordiali deuotione deosco . hanc donationem et hanc presentationem protegere et promouere et paterno affectu custodire. Volo et omnibus fidelibus esse constans me neminem alium auctoritati domini episcopi presentasse de personalitate ecclesie Sutthun nisi priorem et fratres ecclesie de Trentham. Teste Nicholao capellano et Willelmo sacerdote de Trendham . et Waltero capellano . et Henrico et Richardo diaconibus³ . et Jordano pugih³ . et Henrico et Hugone fratribus de Blort' et Bricio . et Waltero filio Pagani.

Seal on strip, riband below torn off: fragment; yellow-red.

A notification addressed by Ralf de Boscheville to Richard bishop of Coventry shows this grant to have been made in furtherance of an agreement between the priory and Henry the clerk (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 4). A confirmation by Bishop Richard is also printed by Madox (ibid., No. 507): it is witnessed by Hervey de Stretton, sheriff of Staffordshire. Richard Peche was consecrated bishop of Coventry and Lichfield in 1161 and died 6 Oct. 1182; Hervey became sheriff in 1166 and served continuously until after the bishop's death. In 1166 Ralf the grantor held one knight's fee of Ferrers, being one of the three which his father William de Boscherville held in 1135 (*RB* i. 337). Ralf was dead in 1202 (*Earliest Northamptonshire Assize Rolls*, NRS v, Nos. 208, 440). The rectory of Sutton belonged to the priory at the Dissolution (*Mon.* vi. 398).

¹ Interlined.

² *Sic* for *in*.

³ *Sic*.

I85

Charter of Richard, lord of Fleet, giving to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, six acres and one rood of arable land in Fleet, Lincs. (Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant qui sunt & qui uenturi sunt quod ego Ricardus dominus Flet' dedi & concessi & presenti carta mea confirmaui ecclesie sancti Michaelis arcangeli de Stamford & sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus vj acras & unam rodam terre arabilis in uilla de Flet ubi domus aui mei Fulconis . sita fuit in puram & perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris mei & pro animabus antecessorum meorum prece & concessu Juliane uxoris mee. His testibus . Reinero presbitero . fratre Elia . Hugo¹ diacono . Roberto Buche . Willelmo clerico . Algero de Flet et Waltero filio eius . Roberto de Blitun' et Jacobo fratre eius Gerardo . Rogero . Hugone . Willelmo filio Ricardi.

SEAL attached upside down on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; yellow. A lion passant to sinister; ✠ SIGIL[LVM] FLET.

Richard of Fleet occurs as witness to a charter for Sixle priory in which land in East Rasen held of his fee is mentioned and of which the limits of date are 1153–62 (Stenton, *Gilbertine Charters*, LRS, 21). He first occurs on the Pipe Roll in 1170, and again 1175–7. In 1195 he paid 100 marks which he had owed for some years, 'ut filia sit deliberata de Radulfo de Chandos qui dicebat se eam desponsasse' (PR 7 Ric. I, 160). At some date before 1185 he gave 50 acres in Fleet to the Templars (Lees, *Records of the Templars*, 96). An Alger of Fleet appears intermittently on the Pipe Roll from 1165 to 1186; in 1188 Walter of Fleet occurs on the roll, as also on the Curia Regis Roll of 1194 (PRS xiv. 35).

I86

Charter of Hamo son of Richard giving to William of Titsey, Surr., for 5 marks of silver John de Garland with all the land he held of Hamo in Camberwell, Surr., and with all his issue. (Early 13th century, before 1242–3)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hamo filius Ricardi dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Willelmo de Tichesia pro homagio et seruicio suo et pro quinque marcis argenti quas mihi dedit Johannem de Garlande cum tota terra quam idem Johannes de me tenuit in uilla de Cambrewell' et cum omnibus catallis suis et cum tota sequela sua. Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis . bene et in pace libere et quiete reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis duos solidos scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios et ad Pascha duodecim denarios pro omnibus seruiciis et exactionibus. Et ego Hamo et heredes mei prefatum Johannem cum tota terra sua et cum tota sequela sua predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus in perpetuum. Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et confirmacio firma sit et stabilis presens scriptum sigilli mei

¹ Sic.

apposicione muniui. Hiis testibus . Galfrido de Tichesie Rodlando de Acstede Egidio de Badelesmar' . Martino de Dilowisse . Rogero filio Radulfi . Johanne de Swine-sheued . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, three bars; ✠ SIGILLU' R̄AMONIS FILI' RICARDI . DE BLAUGH'

In 1212 Geoffrey of Titsey was holding land in Titsey, of the king as of the honor of Gloucester and ¼ fee in Camberwell by the same tenure (*Fees*, 69). He died before 1242-3, when the land was held by John of Titsey (*ibid.* 685). In 1214 an assize was brought against Geoffrey of Titsey, whom William of Titsey had called to warranty for 2 acres of land in Camberwell (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vii. 119); these are clearly the donee and the first witness. This charter can therefore be assigned to the earlier part of the 13th century.

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Charter of Ralf de Boscherville granting to Trentham priory, Staffs., the church of Sutton Scarsdale, Derbs., with all its liberties and chapels, and a great messuage with a croft, and two bovates of land, and the tithes of the mill of Sutton together with freedom from multure for the canons' own corn; granting also a site near the cemetery, and six acres of land from his demesne. (circa 1166-1202)

BS FACSIMILE.

Radulfus de Boscheruilla omnibus presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et pro anima mea et antecessorum et successorum meorum dedisse . et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie de Trentham . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Suton' cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus et capellis suis . et cum magno mesagio et cum crofta iuxta illud mesagium . et duas bouatas terre cum pertinentiis liberas ab omni seculari seruitio et exactione . et alias duas bouatas terre cum pertinentiis liberas de me et heredibus meis saluo forinseco seruitio. Et cum his predictis dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui dictis canonicis in perpetuam elemosinam totam decimam molendini de Sutona de multura et aliis exitibus inde prouenientibus et quietanciam molture canonicis de proprio blado et brasio et farina que uoluerint ibi molere. Preter hec concessi eisdem canonicis in perpetuam elemosinam quendam locum iuxta cimiterium ad ospitandum et edificandum idoneum . et sex acras terre de dominio meo uidelicet quatuor iuxta hoc mesagium et duas acras in campo . et omnia aisiamenta canonicis et hominibus suis et aueriis eorum et hominum suorum in omni communione de Sutton' . in campis et pratis . et in pasturis et in aquis . in uiis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis. His testibus Nicholao capellano . et Willelmo sacerdote de Trentham . et Waltero capellano . et Henrico clerico et Jordano pugili et Daud de Cochenec . Simone filio Alani.

No seal or tag shown.

See the note to No. 184. The present charter is clearly later than No. 184, and since the other grants contained in it are not mentioned in the charter of Richard bishop of Coventry, it does not necessarily

fall within his episcopate; the latest possible limit of date is therefore the grantor's death, but the similarity of witnesses suggests that it is not very far removed in time from No. 184.

I88

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 D 26.

BS FACSIMILE. Indented. French.

Notification by Isabel queen of England, lady of Ireland, duchess of Aquitaine, and countess of Ponthieu, that whereas she holds the castle and manor of Hawarden and other lands and tenements with their appurtenances (set out at length) in dower or otherwise for the term of her life, and the reversion thereof is in the king her son; and whereas the said king has by his charter granted the said reversion to William de Montagu, earl of Salisbury and his heirs, she attorns to the said earl. Sealing clause. Hertford: 6 Oct. 1337.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1½ in.; red. A couched shield of arms, a fess of three fusils [MONTAGU]; on a helmet with mantling, crowned, crest, an eagle rising; all within a gothic panel; MONTE AUVTO

BM 11855

The king's charter granting these reversions to the earl of Salisbury was dated at Westminster 1 Oct. 1337; for an abstract see *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, iv. 431. This attornment repeats the particulars of the lands granted by the charter. The use of the style of countess of Ponthieu is to be noted. The county came to Edward I through his first wife Eleanor of Castile: see C. Brunel, *Recueil des acts des comtes de Pontieu*, Coll. docs. inédits, viii-ix. This half of the cyrograph remained in the queen's hands, for it bears the earl's seal.

I89

Charter of Oliver de Buscy giving to Sulby abbey, Northants., all the land which Thomas Takel held of him in East Lound, Lincs. (Early Henry III)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 F 6.

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus hanc cartam visuris et audituris Oliuerus de Buscy salutem. Sciatis me diuine pietatis intuitu dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et abbati et canonicis de Suleby totam terram cum prato et aliis pertinentiis quam Thomas Takel tenuit de me in Estlund cum corpore Alicie uxoris mée ut habeant et teneant prefatum tenementum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam inperpetuum. Et ego et heredes mei predictis abbati et canonicis prefatum tenementum contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus. Hiis testibus domino R. de Muhr' persona . domino Jollano de Fontibus milite . Roberto filio Baldewini . Ricardo de Brunham clerico Ricardo de Burg' de Brunham . Rogero de Brunham le dreng et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; red. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a lion rampant surmounted by a baston; ✠ SIGILL' OLIVERI . DE : BVZCI

BM 7974

In 1224-30 Oliver de Buscy was holding one knight's fee in Thirkleby and Osgodby (in Thirkleby), Yorks., and ⅓ of a fee in Grewelthorpe, Yorks., of Nigel de Mowbray (*Fees*, 1460-1); in 1242-3 he is returned as holding one knight's fee in Yorkshire of Roger de Mowbray (*ibid.* 1097). In 1224-30 the witness Jollan de Fontibus was holding ⅒ of a fee in Burton in Lonsdale, Yorks., of Nigel de Mowbray (*ibid.* 1462).

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Charter of William of Plumpton confirming to Weedon Pinkeny priory, Northants., his chapel of Plumpton, Northants., with the oblations and rights of tithe pertaining thereto, saving the rights of Master Richard of Asfordby, who holds it subject to a pension of five shillings to the priory. (Late 12th century)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. v. 34.

BS FACSIMILE.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens peruenerit scriptura . Willelmus de Plumtun' salutem. Sciatis quod ego Willelmus de Plumt' pro salute anime mee et Roberti fratris et heredis mei . et antecessorum meorum dedi et hac mea carta confirmaui deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Wedun' . monachisque ibidem deo seruientibus capellam meam de Plumtun' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . in obuencionibus et decimacionibus tam de meo dominio quam rusticorum . in terris et pratis et pasturis in bosco et plano secundum tanti tenementi quantitatem. Tenendam libere et quiete ab omni seculari exactione de me et heredibus meis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . saluo iure magistri Ricardi de Aissefordesbi qui eandem tenet capellam sub annua pensione quinque solidorum de eisdem monachis et tenebit quamdiu in seculari habitu fuerit et tenere uoluerit. Postquam autem iam dicta capella in manibus monachorum predictorum peruenerit . ipsi monachi plenariam et perpetuam administracionem cum corporum sepultura ut matrieci ecclesie habere facient. Hii sunt testes Alexander prior de Essebi . Helias capellanus . Willelmus vicarius de Wed' . Ricardus de West' . et Walterus frater eius . Robertus Reuel . Galfridus de Northine . et Galfridus filius eius.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: brown; no design.

For an account of the family of Plumpton see *HKF* i. 87-8, but the succession is far from clear. The grantor witnessed charter No. 238 in 1183-4 and a charter for Wardon abbey which Dr. Fowler dates c. 1190-1200 (*BHRS* xiii. 94). Since he here describes his brother as his heir he was probably advanced in life, but it is not certain whether it was he or a predecessor who held half a knight's fee of Walter de Wahull in 1166 (*RB* 323). Presumably it was his predecessor who witnessed No. 140 above. Of the witnesses Alexander was prior of Canons Ashby *temp.* John (Baker, *Northants.* ii. 12) and Robert Revel was dead in 1202 (*NRS* v. 95).

191

Notification by Robert II, count of Meulan, addressed to his men of Sturminster-Marshall, Dor., 'Moreis', and 'Redelestun' that he has confirmed to his daughter Mabiria, countess of Devon, to hold after the death of Maud his wife the gift of the aforesaid lands which he made to his sons Henry and Peter. (May 1204)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 I 29.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Nicholas, i, pt. 1, App., p. 37.

Robertus comes Melleti . omnibus hominibus suis de Estrumenistre . et de Morei[s] et de Redelestun' . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et carta confirmasse . Mabirie . filie

mee . comitisse Deuon[ie] . tenendam et habendam de me et heredibus meis ; sibi et heredibus suis . libere et quiete . iure hereditario donationem et concessionem . et confirmationem quam feci Henrico et Petro filiis meis . de tota terra mea de Esturm' . et de Moreis . et de Ridelestun' . cum omnibus predictarum terrarum pertinentiis . post decessum Matildis uxoris mee . sicut carte eorum testantur. Quapropter uolo et firmiter uobis mando atque precipio . quatinus predictae Mabirie filie mee post decessum Matillidis uxoris mee . sicut recte heredi filiorum meorum . Henrici et Petri sitis intendentes . et heredibus suis . et ei . et heredibus suis : ho[minagi]um f[aciati]s . et fidem [p]or[teti]s sicut recte domine uestre. Valet.

No seal or tag shown.

The charter is now in a far worse condition than it was in 1640. It has been rebacked and several letters legible in 1640 are now gone. They have been printed within square brackets.

For Robert, the last count of Meulan, see *CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 739–41. Holding, as he did, lands in France, Normandy, and England, he was placed in a difficult position by Philip's conquest of Normandy, and it was to meet this that by a charter dated 1 May 1204 he granted to his daughter Mabiria, wife of William earl of Devon, all his lands in France, Normandy, and England (La Roque, *Hist. de la Maison de Harcourt*, iv. 1966, from the cartulary of Beaulieu priory; reprinted, without the witnesses, *CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 315 n. f). The present instrument appears to be a letter notifying the above-mentioned grant, which, however, never took effect. In the king's court on 21 June following William the Marshal claimed against the earl of Devon and the countess of Meulan seisin of Sturminster and he produced a charter of the count of Meulan granting it to him; this charter was presumably earlier than that of 1 May. After argument the case was adjourned (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iii. 124). Thereafter there seem to have been negotiations with Count Robert, for by letters patent of 9 Sept. 1204 the king commanded the men of Sturminster to do homage to the Marshal as they had been directed by the letters they had received from the count of Meulan. It is to be noted that the count's sons Henry and Peter mentioned in this letter were already dead. In the course of the year Philip Augustus confiscated both the county of Meulan and the Norman lands, and Count Robert died a ruined man; he was living in 1210, apparently as a pensioner of King John (*Rot. de Liberate*, 226), and probably died not long before 1219, when his widow claimed the manor of Sturminster as dower (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, viii. 116). Previously, in 1201, Count Robert executed a charter, known by a copy in Dodsworth MSS. xc, f. 114, by which he granted one-third of all his lands in France, Normandy, and England to his grand-daughter Mary, daughter of the earl of Devon, in marriage with Peter de Préaux. It is a curious feature of the count of Meulan's attempts to dispose of his lands that his grandson and heir, Ralf, the son of his eldest son Waleran, was throughout entirely passed over (see *CP*, vii. 741). In the present charter Moreis may possibly be More's Court, a manor in Sturminster Marshall (Hutchins, *Dorset*, iii. 31). Redelestun has not been identified.

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Agreement setting out the terms of the charter by which William Longespée gave to Stephen Longespée his brother the manor of Wanborough, Wilts. (28 Oct. 1245–27 Oct. 1246)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 B 14.

BS FACSIMILE. Indented.

Anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo dedit dominus Willelmus Lungesp' domino Stephano Lungesp' fratri suo manerium suum de Wamberge in

¹ The *p* of *portetis* was illegible when BS was made.

hunc modum. Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus Lungesp' dedi concessi et hac mea carta confirmaui domino Stephano Lungesp' fratri meo totum manerium de Wamberge cum omnibus pertinentiis suis videlicet quicquid in eodem manerio habui vel habere potui in terris redditibus seruiciis homagiis uillanis et eorum sequelis cum aliis pertinentiis exceptis redditibus et seruiciis omnium liberorum hominum tam infra manerium quam extra qui per seruicium militare terras suas de me tenent . excepto etiam Reginaldo Demung cum tota sequela sua . et excepto toto bosco meo de Bradene in quo tamen dictus Stephanus per visum wdewardi mei et balliui de Audiburne husbote et heybote habebit absque nouarum domorum edificacione uel constructione. Retinui etiam ad opus meum et heredum meorum totum pratum quod uocatur Docham et aliam Niweham ex parte boriali aque que uocatur Lude salua etiam mihi via ultra aliam Niweham que iacet ex australiori parte aque que uocatur Lude que latitudinem habet duarum perticarum per quam liberum accessum et regressum ad pratum meum de Niweham cum aueriis karettis et omnibus aliis / habeam. Retinui etiam ex parte orientali uie regalis quatuordecim acras que se extendunt super Snyte et decem acras que se extendunt super uiam regiam ad capud dictarum quatuordecim acrarum ex parte australi. Et ex parte occidentali uie regalis medietatem de Stonehamme / ex parte boriali. Et medietatem de Rym ex parte orientali et sex acras apud Voxborege et quatuordecim acras extendentes super Chimingeham et septemdecim acras et dimidiam ex parte occidentali de Voxborege. Et viginti acras in Middelforlong scilicet occidentaliores et medietatem de Hyethedich ex parte australi. Retinui etiam medietatem omnium seruiciorum et operum in eodem manerio ad prefata prata falcanda coadiuuanda leuanda siue alio modo administranda / pertinentium. Habendum et tenendum dicto Stephano et heredibus suis de uxore sibi desponsata legitime procreatis . de me et heredibus meis libere quiete hereditarie et in perpetuum per seruicium unius feodi militis cum acciderit pro omni seruicio consuetudine sectis et demandis mihi uel heredibus meis pertinentibus. Et si forsitan contingat quod dictus Stephanus in fata decesserit absque herede de uxore sibi desponsata legitime procreato / totum predictum manerium cum omnibus pertinentiis mihi et heredibus meis sine aliqua contradictione aut diminucione plenarie et integre reuertetur. Hanc autem donacionem et concessionem tenemur ego et heredes mei dicto Stephano et heredibus suis de uxore sibi desponsata legitime procreatis / contra omnes gentes per predictum seruicium warantizare et defendere in perpetuum. Et ut hec mea donacio et concessio in perpetuum firmitatis robur optineat / presentem cartam sigilli mei munimine roborauimus. Hiis testibus . dominis Willelmo de Cantilupo . Willelmo Bardulf' Petro de Monteforti . Ricardo Lungesp' . Willelmo Thurberd . Willelmo de Hastencot . Henrico de Mara . Thoma et Valentino clericis . Roberto de Holte et multis aliis. Et ne dicti Willelmus uel Stephanus uel eorum heredes huic donacioni concessioni conuencionem et presentis carte confirmacioni inposterum possint contraire uel in aliqua parte dicti manerii cum pertinentiis plus iuris uendicare quam in hoc scripto redactum sit et contentum / uterque predictorum huic scripto in modum cyrographi confecto sigillum suum alternatim fecit apponi. Hiis testibus dominis Rogero Waspsail .

Euerardo le Tyeis . Mathia de Mar' Galfrido de Forestell' . Radulfo de Aungers
Johanne de Dunheued Petro de Salceto . Willelmo Walraund . Helya de Bosco .
Waltero Salsar' et aliis in capitali carta contentis.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1½ in.; green. Shield of arms, six lions and a label of four points [LONGESPÉE];
✠ SIGILL'

For William Longespée see note to No. 56; Stephen was later justiciar of Ireland. In 1242–3 Stephen was already holding Wanborough of the gift of William Longespée (*Fees*, 738), and this instrument is therefore the settlement of a dispute. No. 56 was made shortly after this.

I93

*Charter of Gilbert of Monmouth confirming to Monmouth priory the land on the
Wye which Ingelram son of Roger gave to the priory. (1170–90)*

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxvii. 124.

BS FACSIMILE.

Gillebertus de Mon' omnibus hominibus suis & uicinis & amicis Francis & Anglis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Notum sit uniuersitati uestre quod Ingerus filius Rogeri pro salute anime sue & parentum suorum in presentia mea cum meo assensu donauit deo et sancte Marie . et sancto Florentio et monachis de Mon' . in perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exactione et seruicio de patrimonio suo terram quam Robertus de Cleia habuit in Wagio cum assensu ipsius Roberti . uidelicet terram fabri cum contigua terra que ei adiacet iuxta uiam ex altera parte contra terram Gaufridi de Coitian circiter xx acras Anglicas. Hanc eandem donationem concedo monachis et presenti scripto cum sigillo meo confirmo tenendam et possidendam in perpetuum . de me et de meis heredibus in elemosinam. Et quod pretereundum non est monachi dederunt predicto Ingel' . dimidium marc'¹ argenti de caritate. His testibus . Widone capellano . Jacobo fratre domini . Roberto de Alba mara . Walterio dapifero . Jordano filio God' . Radulfo filio eius . Willelmo filio Roberti . Roberto filio eius . Randulfo Smoc . Roberto filio eius . Hugone filio Gald' . Alexandro filio eius . Vale.

Endorsed: de xx acris Anglicanis (14th century).

SEAL² on tag: round, c. 2 in.; uncoloured. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, long surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield, horse standing; no legend.

Monmouth priory was a cell of the abbey of St. Florent de Saumur. For the earlier history of the grantor's family see Round, *Studies in Peerage and Family History*, 120–1, and *CDF*, Nos. 1133–48. Gilbert's father, Baderon of Monmouth, was living at Michaelmas 1170, when he occurs on the Pipe Roll (*PR* 16 *Hen. II*, 58), but was dead before Michaelmas 1176 when Gilbert made a render for a forest offence (*PR* 22 *Hen. II*, 44). Gilbert himself died before Michaelmas 1190, when William de Braiose the younger made a render of 1,000 marks for the wardship of his heirs (*PR* 2 *Ric. I*, 48). In 1166 the witness William son of Robert held one knight's fee of Baderon (*RB* 281).

¹ *Sic.*

² BM 6229 whose legend is given as SIGILLVM IUB MVE

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Charter of Geoffrey of Glympton, Oxon., the chamberlain, giving to Stoneleigh abbey, Warw., for the souls of his father and mother 3 virgates of land in Arlescote, Warw. (Early Henry II)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 48 C 39.

BS FACSIMILE.

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris dei fidelibus . quod ego *Galfridus* camerarius de Clint' . dedi et concessi pro anima patris et matris et antecessorum meorum . & mea salute . in perpetuam elemosinam deo et sancte Marie de Stanleia . & monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . tres uirgatas terre apud Warleuescote . liberas . et quietas . ab omni exactione et seruicio seculari . et hoc feci petitione Willelmi filii Radulfi qui eandem terram de me tenuerat . et eisdem monachis dederat et concesserat. Et hanc donacionem ut dominus ubique warantizabo quod si pro defectu auxilii mei perdiderint excambium ecclesie reddam . sin autem quale de comite Warewic . qui mihi debet feudum illud warantizare acquirere potero illud donabo. *Testes* . Tomas filius Armefrei . Henricus Boscher Hugo filius Ermefrei . Herebertus del Ile Adam Boscher . Willelmus de Coleshulle . Simon de Stauert' Paganus filius Gunnild' Rodbertus filius Leuriz Rodbertus filius Cupping' . Rogerus nepos abbatis Rodbertus filius Tochi . Alexander de Finhom . Willelmus Lihfot . Adam . Rodbertus de Chint' et quam plures alii.

Endorsed: G. camerarius de Warlawescot' (12th century).

No seal or tag shown. Slit only for tag on original.

The grantor is Geoffrey of Glympton, the younger, son of Henry I's well-known minister. In 1166 he held 17 knights' fees of the earl of Warwick (*RB* 325). Sometime in the reign of Stephen he married Agnes daughter of Roger earl of Warwick, and William son of Ralf was one of Geoffrey's witnesses to the marriage settlement (*Ancestor*, xi. 153). He held no land in chief and does not occur on the Pipe Rolls; the date of his death is unknown, but it must have been before 1175 when his son and successor occurs on the Pipe Roll (*PR* 21 *Hen. II*, 34, 98). A Hugh son of Hermenfred and a Henry son of Boscher who witnessed a charter of Henry earl of Warwick (d. 1119) for St. Mary's, Warwick (*Mon.* vi. 1326) seem to be identical with witnesses to this.

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Charter of William III de Courcy confirming to Plympton priory the land of Postridge in Spaxton, Som., given to the priory by Roger de Reigny and Mabel his wife and their sons William, Baldwin, and Richard. (circa 1140-66)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 49 B 23. BS.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 54, 'ex autogr. in bibl. Hattoniana' (inaccurately and with first five witnesses only); Oliver, *Monasticon Diocesis Exoniensis*, 135 (as in *Mon.*).

Domino et patri suo karissimo . Roberto dei gracia Bathoniensi episcopo . omnibusque sancte dei ecclesie filiis . Willelmus de Curchi' salutem. Sciatis quia concessi

et per meam cartam confirmaui ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri . et Pauli . de Plimtona et canonicis ibidem deo famulantibus terram de Posterigge . pro anima patris mei . et pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum in perpetuam et quietam et liberam elemosinam ab omnibus rebus . exceptis his que seruicio regis pertinent . quam Rogerus de Rigni . et uxor eius Mabilia . et Willelmus . et Baldewinus . et Ricardus . eorum filii eidem ecclesie in elemosinam libere et quiete excepto seruicio regis dederunt. Huius autem rei interfuerunt testes . videlicet Ailnod sacerdos . et Willelmus de Baionvilla . et Robertus de Baionvilla . et Philippus de Carevilla . et Jordanus de Curchi . frater meus . et Ricardus filius Gisleberti filii Bleihoc . et Rogerus Puiher . et Willelmus Puiher . et Robertus de Tealmes . et Robertus de Cumerlande . et Godefridus de Rigni . et Gerardus de Bullers . et Clemens camerarius meus . et Robertus Liricus . et Gaufridus de Rumelli.

Endorsed: Terra de Postarigge. (12th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; red. Equestrian, pointed helmet, long hauberk, the chain mail drawn lozengy, sword, no shield, horse walking; ✠ SIG[ILLUM] . . VRCI : DAP[ER] . . . BM 5870

For an account of the family and honor of Courcy see *HKF* i. 103 et seq., also a paper on the family by Sir H. Maxwell Lyte in *Somerset Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. Proc.* lxi. 98. Nevertheless there remain obscure points in the descent and chronology due principally to the difficulty of distinguishing between members of the Norman and English branches of the family who at times bore the same Christian names. The attestation of Jordan de Courcy 'my brother' shows the grantor to be William III of the English branch. Robert was consecrated bishop of Bath and Wells in 1136 and died 31 Aug. 1166.

196

Charter of William son of Richard and Maud his wife confirming to Bruern abbey, Oxon., the gift of his father, namely all the land of his fee in Littlehill, in Milton under Wychwood, Oxon., and 12 acres in Wheatfield of his demesne and likewise 12 acres beyond the road which leads from Stow on the Wold to Burford. (Late Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Willelmus filius Ricardi et Matildis uxor eius salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Brueria in perpetuam elemosinam illam donationem quam pater meus illis dedit scilicet totam terram que pertinet ad feudum meum in Littelhul et in Hwitefeld duodecim acras que pertinent ad dominium meum cum pratis & pascuis et ceteris aisiamentis ad easdem terras pertinentibus similiter et duodecim acras ultra chiminum quod tendit de Edwardesstowe ad Bureford ad aisiamentum eorum. Hanc elemosinam uolumus ut prefati monachi habeant et teneant bene et in pace libere et quiete et nos eam illis manutenebimus et warantizabimus contra omnes homines et acquietabimus ab omni seruicio siue regi siue nobis siue alicui alteri pertinente pro salute animarum nostrarum et antecessorum et successorum nostrorum. Hiis testibus Willelmo Bastard

Willelmo de Traci Randulfo de Prestune et Waltero filio eius . Alano forestario et duobus filiis eius . Ricardo et Roberto Alano le camberlanc Pagano de Mubrai Tochi Iwein le Vielur . Gileberto de Cirencestre Hugone de Palmire Salomon le Puer et duobus filiis Rogero et Ricardo Willelmo sacerdote de Tretune et filio eius Radulfo Rogero sacerdote de Sceiptun Helya Ricardo.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½–3 in.; red; fragment. A doe walking to sinister.

A charter of Richard I dated 15 Sept. 1189 confirms to Bruern abbey 'in territorio de Middlingtonia terras quas Willelmus filius Ricardi scripto suo dedit et confirmavit' (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, v. 221). Milton under Wychwood is a mile and a quarter south of Bruern, and a mile and three-quarters east of the road from Stow on the Wold, the 'Edwardesstowe' of this charter, to Burford; Littlehill is the name of a farm still existing in Milton. These details identify the present charter with that confirmed by Richard I. William son of Richard occurs on the Oxfordshire Pipe Roll of 1183 (*PR 29 Hen. II*, 103). The latest limit of date is 1189 and the warranty clause suggests the later part of Henry II's reign.

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*Charter of Robert de Stafford giving to Bordesley abbey, Warw., all 'Oxemeoda'.
(Henry II)*

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 56 E 1.

BS FACSIMILE.

Robertus de Staford . omnibus filiis sancte ecclesie et omnibus hominibus suis et amicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Notum sit uobis omnibus me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie sancte¹ de Bordesl' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam in feudum et hereditatem totam Oxemeodam desuper uiam et desuper terram quam antea in elemosinam eis dederam totum in circuitu sicut terra arabilis diuidit solam et liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruitio et omnibus consuetudinibus per tres solidos singulis annis reddendo¹ ad festum sancti Petri ad uincula in recognitionem apud Tyeso donec inde melius faciam eis et concedo si uoluerint fossare totum in circuitu et arare uel quid uoluerint facere sicut de feudo suo et gwarantizabo contra omnes homines sicut elemosinam meam. Hoc autem feci pro salute domini regis *Henrici* et mea et *Roberti* filii mei et heredum nostrorum et pro anima regis *Henrici* et antecessorum nostrorum et pro anima *Auicie* uxoris mee matris *Roberti* filii mei et pro pace et stabilitate tocius Anglie. Pro hac donatione de karitate ecclesie habui duas marchas argenti. Testibus . Nicolao de Cloptune Gaufrido Warissedeu . Johanne filio eius.

Endorsed: Octeselue. (Early 13th century.)

Rob' de Stafford de Oxemedede in feudi firmam per tres sol'. (*Early 13th century.*)

A slip of parchment about a quarter of an inch wide has been cut from the turn-up at the bottom to about the same distance from the left-hand side and thrust through a vertical slit in the document.

¹ *Sic.*

SEAL on tag: same as to No. 143; drawing less finished shows certain differences; shield kite-shaped;
SIGILLUM **IA** BM 6435
m is written on tag of original immediately below the slit.

The gift to which the present charter refers is No. 143 above. Oxemeoda must be in Oxhill.

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Charter of Roger de Saucesmare giving to the hospital of St. John Baptist at Castle Bytham, Lincs., a bovate of land which Tiold held and which William de Coleville gave to the donor. (Late Henry II: before 1186)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Rogerus de Saucesmara salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse deo et hospitali sancti Johannis Baptiste in Biham pro dei amore et anime mee et uxoris mée et filiorum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum salute in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam bouatam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . illam uidelicet quam Tioldus tenuit et quam dominus meus Willelmus de Coleuill' pro seruicio meo mihi dedit ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis libere quiete . per iiii^{or} solidos annuatim reddendo¹ mihi et heredibus meis pro omni seruicio ad nos pertinente . saluo forenseco seruicio xij denarios ad Pasca . et xij denarios ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste . xij denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis . xij denarios ad natale domini. Huius donacionis sunt testes . Willelmus de Coleuill' et Matildis sponsa eius . Willelmus de Coleuill' et Johannes et Henricus et Thomas illorum filii . et Siluester de Hum' et Petrus frater eius et Walterus de Amundeuilla . et coniux eius . et filii eorum . Fulquinus de Alneto et eius filius Rogerus . Willelmus de Peref' . et Gaufridus de Peref' . Simon de Blia . et Warnerus . et Unfridus . et Sweinus et filius eius . Sweinus lorimer . Arnoldus pelliarius . Angerus gardiner.

SEAL on both tag and knotted cord: round, 2½ in.; brown. An eagle to sinister, looking backwards;
 **M ROGERI : DE SAUCESMA**

Since the witness Walter de Amundeville had sons he cannot be the steward of the bishop of Lincoln who died 1166-7 and was succeeded by his brother (*Reg. Antiquiss.*, LRS iv. 157 n.); he seems to be the man who occurs on the Lincolnshire Assize Rolls of 1202 and 1206 (LRS xxii, Nos. 189, 1462); Simon de Blia occurs on the roll of 1202 (*ibid.*, No. 495). Among the duke of Rutland's charters at Belvoir is one of William de Coleville giving a mill at Muston, Leics., to Owston abbey, which Round dates *circa* 1200; the donor mentions his father William, and it is witnessed by Simon de Blia and Geoffrey de Perfite (*Rutland Report*, iv. 12). Maude de Coleville occurs in 1191 as a large debtor of Aaron the Jew of Lincoln (*PR 3 & 4 Ric. I*, 20), and the debts continue on the rolls till 1202, when her son William de Coleville produced documents showing that Maud had repaid the money to Aaron himself (*PR 4 John*, 223). Aaron died in 1186 and, however these debts may have originated, Maud's husband William de Coleville the elder was presumably dead when Maud dealt directly with Aaron. The present charter, therefore, must be earlier than 1186; on the other hand, the occurrence of two of the witnesses in the early 13th century suggests a date in the latter part of the reign of Henry II.

¹ *Sic.*

199

Charter of Adam of Compton, with the consent of his son Odo, confirming to Quarr abbey the gift which his father Odo 'Anglicus' made of land in Compton, Isle of Wight, which Robert Luvel held. He also grants pasture in Compton for specified animals. (Last years of the 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri . quod ego Adam de Cumptune concedente Odone filio et herede meo dedi et concessi et presenti carta confirmaui deo et sancte Marie . et abbacie Quarrarie et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . donationem quam pater meus Odo Anglicus fecit predictae ecclesie Quararie . terram scilicet quam Robertus Luvel tenuit . Hanc terram dedi eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et solutam ab omnibus terrenis seruiciis . donis et auxiliis et exactionibus uniuersis . et eam warantizare debemus ego et heredes mei contra omnes homines. Ipsi uero monachi eam sicut alias terras suas sibi in usus proprios retinebunt¹ nec alicui illam excambiant. Hanc uero terram ita liberam predictae abbacie contuli sicut pater meus eam liberius tenuit saluo seruicio comitis. Preterea concessi eis sufficientem pasturam habere centum ouibus suis et vij uaccis cum uitulis earum in comuni pastura sita de Cumptune. Agni uero cum ablactati fuerint² amoueantur . uituli autem sint cum matribus per integrum annum et post anni circulum separentur. Hiis testibus . Willelmo filio Stur . Rogero de Aula . Roberto Trenchart Galtero de Insula . Willelmo Maskerel . Roberto de Sowell³ . Roberto de Affetune . et filiis eius Odone Willelmo et altero Willelmo . et aliis multis uidentibus et audientibus.

SEAL on cord: round, 2 in.; green. A mermaid holding a fish; ✠ SIGILLU' E . DE . C
DE : LISLE

The original gift of Odo Anglicus was confirmed by Richard, earl of Devon (*Mon.* v. 317) and must therefore have been made earlier than the earl's death in Apr. 1162; the earl's confirmation shows the land to have lain in Compton. There are no very exact indications of the date of the present charter. A comparison of the witnesses with those of William earl of Devon for Quarr (*Mon.* v. 317-18) and for Montebourg (*CDF*, No. 904) suggests a date towards the end of the 12th century.

200

Charter of David, brother of the king of Scots, confirming to Stephen of Ecton, Northants., and Stephen his son the land of Draughton, Northants., which William de Audre gave them and which King Malcolm had previously given to Stephen. (Earl's Barton: 1185-8)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 B 6.

BS FACSIMILE.

Dauid frater regis Scoc' omnibus hominibus suis et amicis Francis et Anglis . tam

¹ Interlined.

presentibus quam futuris . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta mea presenti confirmasse Stephano de Heketon' et Stephano filio suo donationem et concessionem quam Willelmus de Audre eis fecit et carta sua confirmavit de terra de Drachton' que est de feudo regis Scoc' fratris mei et meo . et quam Rex Malcolmus eidem Stephano de Eketon' prius dederat . et unde idem Willelmus homagium eorum cepit coram me et in curia mea et unde ab eis cepit v marcas argenti et ad opus Matildis uxoris sue unam marcam argenti. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod hec donatio et concessio coram me in curia mea facta stabilis et inconcussa et firma permaneat . sine omni diminutione uel uexatione quam ipse Willelmus uel aliquis de successoribus suis uel heredibus suis . inde faciat. Testibus . Hugone Ridel dapifero . et Willelmo Burdet . et Hugone Giffard' . et Willelmo de Rikespaud . et Willelmo filio Emme . et Waltero de Lindesia . et Roberto de Wilebi . et Roberto de Monasteriis . et Thoma clerico de Barton' et Roberto fratre suo.

Endorsed: Donacio Daud fratris regis Scot' Willelmo de Eketon' et Stephano filio suo. (*Late 13th century.*)

SEAL on plaited cord: round, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Equestrian, tall helmet, long surcoat, sword, shield with border and pointed boss; [SIGILLVM] [D] SCO[CIE] BM 15663

For the succession to the earldom and honor of Huntingdon, of which Draughton was held, see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. David, younger brother of Malcolm and William kings of Scots, succeeded to it in 1185 (*ibid.* 646). Stephen of Ecton the father made a render at Michaelmas 1187 *pro pace regis habenda* (*PR 33 Hen. II*, 100); at Michaelmas 1188 his son Stephen is entered as liable for the balance of his father's debt (*PR 34 Hen. II*, 129); the father therefore died 1187–8. The *caput* of the honor was Fotheringhay, and a court was sometimes held there (Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 43), but the court of the honor also met at Earl's Barton (*HKF* ii. 300); the presence among the witnesses of Thomas the clerk of Barton and his brother and of Robert of Wilby, an adjacent parish, suggests that the present charter passed at Earl's Barton. For a slightly later charter of William de Audre or Aldri dealing with this same matter see No. 220 below.

201

Charter of Henry Biset giving to Ralf de Aureville 100 'solidatae' of land in his manor of Kidderminster, Worcs., namely 14 shillings in his demesne mill of Kidderminster and all his mill of Mitton, all the village of Aldimun' and all the village of Comberton. (1187–1205)

BS FACSIMILE.

.H. Biset omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Radulfo de Aureuilla pro homagio et seruicio suo c solidatas terre in manerio meo de Kidermunstria . scilicet in dominico molendino meo de Kidermunstr' . xiiij solidos . et totum molendinum meum de Muct' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . et totam uillam de Aldimun' cum omnibus pertinenciis

suis . et totam uillam de Cumbrintun' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Tenend' sibi et heredibus suis . de me' et heredibus meis . annuatim reddendo j hostorium sor . uel v solidos pro omni seruicio . et hoc sit in electione predicti Radulfi' utrum eorum reddere uoluerit. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio . quod idem Radulfus et heredes sui post ipsum' habeant et teneant predictam terram . cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . de me et heredibus.

The rest of the charter is not reproduced and consequently there is no indication of a seal.

The donor's father Manasser Biset was a royal steward from the beginning of Henry II's reign; he married Alice de Cany, the heiress of extensive lands in Caux in Normandy (Le Cacheux, *Chartes du Prieuré de Longueville*, Soc. Hist. Norm. 43-6). He was living at Michaelmas 1176 (*PR 22 Hen. II*, 188), but was dead at Michaelmas 1177 (*PR 23 Hen. II*, 165), leaving a son and heir, this Henry Biset then a minor (*PR 32 Hen. II*, 168). Henry seems to have come of age in 1187, when he obtained possession of Kidderminster (*PR 33 Hen. II*, 216): at first sight he appears to have been out of possession between 1199 and 1201 since Geoffrey fitzPeter makes a render for the farm of Kidderminster for the first two years of John's reign (*PR 3 John*, 116) and in 1201 Henry paid 200 marks to have it (*ibid.* 117), but a note on the roll of 1202 (p. 18) states Henry to have had the land during these years, and it is clear that Geoffrey made no payment. The date of Henry's death is uncertain; on 17 Sept. 1207 he witnessed a royal charter (*Rot. Chart.* 170 b) and as he appears no more on the rolls he probably died soon after: he was certainly dead in 1212 (*Fees*, 74-5). His widow Iseult was living on 9 Dec. 1213 (*Rot. de Oblatis*, 511).

Of the places named, 'Muct' is Mitton 3 miles south of Kidderminster, and 'Cambrintuna' is Comberton, a farm just east of Kidderminster, rather than Comberton near Evesham. Aldimun' has not been identified; it is possibly a corrupt form of Oldington, between Kidderminster and Mitton. The date cannot be earlier than 1187, when the donor attained his majority; nor, being addressed to his men French and English, is the charter likely to be later than 1205, by when Henry would have lost his Norman lands.

202

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 C 13.

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words. Indented. French.

Indenture between Robert de Neville, son of Ralf de Neville of Raby, and Eupheme, late the wife of Walter of Heselerton, Yorks., E.R. (*Heslarton*), witnessing that whereas Robert and Eupheme hold the manors of Sutton upon Derwent, Scoreby, and Stamford Bridge (*Staynforthbrig*) jointly to them and their heirs of the feoffment of Richard de Stretton' and Leonard de Hedon' parson of the church of . . . Robert grants to Eupheme . . . all the life of the said Robert . . . Sealing clause. Brancepeth, Dur. (*Brauncepath*): 8 Mar. 1369.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, 1 $\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red; broken at dexter side. On a quatrefoil with ogee tips and beaded borders four shields meeting in a point, (i) a saltire [NEVILLE]; (ii) chequy a fess [CLIFFORD]; (iii) six lioncels [HESLERTON]; (iv) three lucies a label of three points [LUCY]; : sigillū : eufeme : bx : de

Both the original and the copy in BS are equally dilapidated, and it is impossible to ascertain the operative effect of the instrument. Robert was a younger son of Ralf Neville of Raby and Eupheme was his sister (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 501 n.). All three manors are in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

¹ BM 11437; and cf. 11436, which gives the legend . . . eufemie   : de :   lucy : 

203

Agreement between Elerius, the abbot, and the convent of Pershore and Nicholas Burdun, knight, by which the abbey quitclaims to Nicholas whatever lies within Mirywood Park in Hawkesbury, Gloucs., on condition that Nicholas quitclaims to the abbey all right to common in Rugherugg'. 12 June 1261.

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 44 H 52.

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. Indented.

Anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis quadragésimo quinto . ad Pentecosten . conuenit inter dominum Elerium abbatem Persor' et eiusdem loci conuentus ex parte una et dominum Nicholaum Burdun militem ex altera in hunc modum uidelicet quod dicti abbas et conuentus remiserunt et quietum clamauerunt . dicto Nicholao et heredibus suis perpetuo quicquid continetur infra clausum parci sui quod vocatur Merewode ⁊ tali conditione quod dictus Nicholaus et heredes sui . et successores et eorum assignati ⁊ perpetuo renunciauerunt . remiserunt . quietum clamauerunt . pro se et heredibus suis . dicto abbati et conuentui et eorum successoribus ⁊ perpetuo totum ius et clamium commune pasture quod habuerunt vel in posterum habere poterunt . in Rugherugg' ad quantitatem sexaginta acrarum cum portione eiusdem bosci que prius clausa fuit ⁊ in propinquiori parte grangiarum de Hauek'bur' et distantiori parte de Aldebur'. Et liceat dictis abbati et conuentui . totam predictam quantitatem de Rugherugg' . redigere in culturam quando voluerint . et modo expeditiori quo poterint. Concessit etiam idem Nicholaus pro se et heredibus suis . et hominibus suis . et successoribus et assignatis ⁊ quod dicti abbas et conuentus edificent molendinum aquaticum cum pertinenciis apud Schafteteleye. Predictus etiam Nicholaus concessit pro se et heredibus suis et hominibus et suis successoribus et assignatis quod quantum colitur de pastura de Henhungr' dictis abbati et conuentui et eorum successoribus perpetuo remaneat colendum . cum quodam angulo eiusdem pasture qui se extendit versus Suanegraue . inter duas culturas. Item omnes purpresture . occupationes . et edificia ubicunque hinc inde prius occupata et in posterum apud Vpton' . occupanda . perpetuo perseuerent absque reclamacione utriusque partis. Preterea concessum est hinc inde fide interposita ⁊ quod si forte contingat quod aliquis libere tenentium alterius partis se velit opponere extra pacem istam prelocutam ⁊ neutra predicta pars prestabit consilium et auxilium . in querela sua proseguenda si aliquam velit mouere. Ratificat etiam dictus Nicholaus quoddam scriptum confectum inter Rogerum quondam abbatem Persor' et Ricardum fratrem dicti Nicholai . integre cum suo tenore in perpetuum . cuius pars signo dicti abbatis signata ⁊ cum dicto Nicholao residet. Ut igitur hec conuencio et concessio . perpetue firmitatis robur optineat ⁊ utraque pars huic presenti scripto in modo cyrographi confecto ⁊ sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus Matheo Besill' Radulfo le Botiller Ricardo de Ripariis . Willelmo Marmiun . Waltero de Muchegros . militibus . Ricardo le Bret . Hugone de la Grene . Henrico de Liuet .

Jordano de Budeford . Willelmo de Mathine . Hugone de Killicot' . Roberto . Eustachio . Willelmo de Caldewell et aliis.

Endorsed: Cirographum inter abbatem et Nicholaum Burdun. (*Late 13th century.*)

SEAL¹ on tag: pointed oval, c. $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ in.; green; broken. *Obv.*: shield of arms, five barrulets [BURDUN]. *Rev.*: a lady in long dress standing on a corbel, [?] a falcon on right hand, head missing. No legends.

Abbot Elerius (1249–62) transferred the manor of Hawkesbury to the convent (*Mon.* ii. 418); the present agreement appears to be a step in this rearrangement of the temporalities of the abbey. In 1316 again a Nicholas Burdon was holding Didmarton (*FA* ii. 269), but no information is forthcoming as to the present Nicholas.

204

Charter of Roger Murdac giving to his son Henry a virgate of land in Edgcote, Northants., which Viel and Edric held with common of pasture and also the meadow which Flaut held. (circa 1200)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxvii. 189.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Sciant tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Rogerus Murdach dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui Henrico filio meo pro homagio et seruitio suo unam uirgatam terre in Hochechote de dominico meo . illam scilicet quam Vielus et Edricus tenuerunt cum masuagiis et omnibus suis pertinentiis . et communem pasturam tocius campi . et illud pratum quod Flaut² tenuit quod iacet inter ueterem ripam et cursum molen-
dini . tenendum de me et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui libere et quiete ab omni seruitio mihi uel heredibus meis pertinente . reddendo annuatim unam libram cimini scilicet ad festum omnium sanctorum. Hiis testibus . Radulfo Gocelin . Simone de Croprie . Thoma de Willecote³ . Fuche Bassat . Rogero Murdach filio Rogeri . Philippo persona de Eindona . Willelmo fratre eius.

No ancient endorsement.

No seal or tag shown. Slit only for tag on original.

This charter relates to the one fee held by Murdac of the honor of Huntingdon (*HKF* ii. 324–6). The family also held one fee of the earl of Warwick in Compton Murdak, now Compton Verney, Warw.: a pedigree in Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 404) is defective and is of no help in dating this charter. Roger Murdac and Ralf Gocelin appear on the Assize Roll of 1202, and Simon of Cropredy on that of 1203 (*NRS* v. Nos. 598, 304, 765). Philip had ceased to be rector of Eydon by 1220 (*Rot. Hugh de Welles*, Cant. and York Soc. ii. 98). The form of the charter and the absence of a sealing clause suggest the late 12th century rather than the early 13th. Attention may be called to the very rare personal name Flaut, a variant of Flaald, that of the Breton ancestor of the royal house of Stewart (Round, *Peerage and Family History*, 120 et seq.).

¹ BM 7925, giving the barrulets engrailed, and legends
(*obv.*) VM : NICHOL (rev.)
RORTESCVT

² Flaut BS.

³ Willicote BS.

205

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. v. 8.

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words. Indented.

Charter of Thomas de Charleton of Apley (*Appeleye*) giving to John Attewode, knight, and Alesia his wife, the daughter of John of Ludlow (*Lodelawe*), knight, the manor of Apley beside Wellington with all rents, services, &c., and also all lands and tenements being his demesne within the said manor together with the reversions of all lands and tenements in the same village held of him for the term of their lives by Thomas Makkesson, William of Tong, chaplain, Philip Fisser, John Malpas, Margaret Pors, John Michel and Alice his wife, John of Tong, Richard de Atton, John Mercer, John de Morton, Thomas Aleyn, John Pereweye and Isabel his wife: granting also the reversion of 2 messuages, a virgate of land and 2 meadows in Wappenshall (*Wapmondeshale*) beside Apley held by John Herdeman for the term of his life: giving also to the said John and Alesia all the lands, tenements, demesnes, services, &c., which he has within the manor of Preston upon the Weald Moors (*Preston iuxta Wyldemor*) with the reversions of the lands and tenements held by Thomas Smot, John Palmer (*Palmarius*), John the smith of Preston, William the tailor of the same, Thomas of Kinnersley (*Kynerdesleye*), John de Grene, and Margery Palmer for the term of their lives: giving also to the said John and Alesia the reversion of his lands and tenements in Haughton (*Halgton*) and Trilwardyn held by Thomas Cresset and Rose his wife for the life of the said Rose: to hold all the aforesaid lands, tenements, &c., to the said John and Alesia jointly and severally for their lives and for the life of the survivor of them and for a further year from the death of such survivor, of the donor and his heirs by the payment of one peppercorn at Christmas and performing for the donor and his heirs to the chief lords of the fee the services due and accustomed. At the end of the above-mentioned term all the aforesaid lands, tenements, &c., together with all reversions shall revert to the donor and his heirs. Warranty by the donor and his heirs for the above-mentioned term. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Ade de Peeshale chiualer Thome de Glasleye et Petro de Eyton' et aliis.' Wellington: 27 July 1384.

Endorsed: Indentura Johannis del Wode cheualer et Thome de Cherleton' de Appleye. (*Contemporary*.)

No seal¹ or tag is shown.

All the places mentioned are in Shropshire. Haughton is near Shifnal, and a family of Cresset is found there in the Middle Ages (Eyton, *Shropshire*, viii. 285-7): Trilwardyn is a lost place-name in Shifnal (*ibid.* ii. 311-12).

206

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxx. 6.

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of Thomas Wake of Blisworth, knight, giving the manor of Blisworth, Northants. (*Bliseworth'*, *Blyseworth'*), to John de Langetone parson of the church of Blisworth to hold to John his heirs and assigns of the chief lords of the fee by the services due. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo de Quentone Thoma de Prestone militibus Johanne de Gayton' Nicholao de Blisworth' Simone le baker et aliis.' Blisworth: 14 June 1354.

No endorsement.

SEAL² on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms, two bars in chief three roundels, and a bordure engrailed [WAKE]; no legend.

¹ BM 8484, describing it as much injured, armorial, uncertain.

² BM 14205, where it is suggested that the matrix may

have been of the class where the centre was made to screw out, so that it could be used without the legend. For these see *Antiquaries Journal*, iv. 249-56.

207

ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xxvii. 101.

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Acknowledgement by Anselm de Meriaco, lord of Derhia, knight, that he has sold his house at Quincy (*domum meam de Quinciaco*) to William le Latimer, knight, for £1,900. He acquits William and his sureties, their heirs and goods, in regard to this sum, and declares that all letters by which William and his sureties admitted the debt are null and void. He promises that he will in the future make no claim against William. Sealing clause. May 1288.

No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; green. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms a cross moline, a label of four points; ITIS. BM 20370

COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of the same arms; ✠ S . AN LV.

Neither the persons nor the places have been identified, but the charter appears to belong to France.

208

Memorandum of an agreement between Roger de Martivall and Isabel widow of Nicholas de Martivall by which Roger grants Isabel permission to enclose a place in the wood of Goadby, Leics., for a term of 3 years and for that period Isabel grants Roger a drove way from the watercourse of Lipping to the field of Glooston, Leics.: 29 Sept. 1278

BS FACSIMILE, first 6 words.

Memorandum quod in festo sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi sexto incipiente septimo ita conuenit inter magistrum Rogerum de Martiuall' et dominam Isabellam que fuit uxor domini Nicholai de Martiuall . uidelicet quod idem Rogerus concessit eidem Isabelle ut ea possit claudere et sepire in bosco suo de Gouteby illam placeam in Mirihurst que fuit abasa a biennio ad tunc elapso ad terminum trium annorum proximo sequentium. Et si contingat infra eundem terminum aliqua aueria predicti Rogeri predictam placeam pro defectu claustrum intrare quod non ex hoc inparkentur neque inuadentur. Terminum uero trium annorum elapso liceat dicto Rogero et heredi- bus suis predictam claustrum circumquaque infringere et ad libitum cum omnimodis aueriis suis predictam placeam intrare et depascere sine aliqua dicte Isabelle seu alterius cuiuscunque ex parte sua contradictione uel impedimento. Pro hac autem concessione concessit predicta Isabella predicto Rogero unam chaciam ad omnimoda aueria sua in campo de Gouteby latitudine triginta pedum ab aque ductu que vocatur Lipping usque ad campum de Gloriston' eodem loco quo dominus Anketinus de Martiuall aliquando eam habuit ad terminum trium annorum in quibus idem campus fuerit seminatus. Dampna uero si qua fuerint facta in bladis dicte Isabelle iuxta dictam chaciam per aueria predicti Rogeri idem Rogerus eidem Isabelle secundum uisum et consideracionem bonorum et legalium virorum restituet et emendabit et post eundem

terminum elapsum liceat predicte Isabelle predictam chaciam resumere et eam sibi appropriare ita quod ex tunc annis quibus idem campus seminatur predictum Rogerum ab ea omnino excludat a termino seminacionis usque post blada asportata nisi ad tunc aliter tam de dicta bosci claustura quam de eadem chacia inter eos sit conuentum et ordinatum. In cuius rei testimonium huic scripto in modum cyrographi confecto sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Boyuilla tunc vicecomite Rotelondie . Willelmo de la Haye de Keythorp . Willelmo filio Nicholai de eadem . Johanne filio Herberti de eadem . Ricardo filio Willelmi de eadem Petro de Weston' de Carleton' . Roberto filio Radulfi de eadem . Henrico de Herwic . Willelmo filio Marie de Iluiston' et aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ in.; pink; top missing. A figure with long draperies standing on a shield of arms, a cinquefoil; ROGER

Master Roger de Martivall was the son of Anketin de Martivall and his successor in the lordship of the village of Noseley, Leics. He had succeeded him in 1278. By this time he was, as this document shows, a master. In 1294 he became archdeacon of Leicester, in 1310 dean of Lincoln, and in 1315 bishop of Salisbury. He died in Mar. 1330 (Nichols, ii, pt. ii. 739 and 756). Nicholas de Martivall has no place in the pedigree in Nichols (p. 756), but he states that in 1277 Goadby was of the inheritance of Nicholas de Martivall (p. 438). It is possible that he was an elder son of Anketin, and that his death brought the inheritance to Roger, destined as a younger son for the Church.

209

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Letters patent of Robert de Veer, earl of Oxford, quitclaiming to John Gauge of Old (*Waude*), his heirs and assigns, all his right and claim in the suit of court which John was wont to do at the grantor's court of Yeldham (*Gelham*) in the county of Essex every three weeks for the tenement which he holds of the grantor in Old (*Waulde*) in the county of Northampton. For this quitclaim John gave 40 shillings of silver. 'Hiis testibus domino Johanne Carlionnel . domino Johanne de Bellocampo . domino Henrico de Lacy de comitatu Essex . Reginaldo de Meluerleye . Johanne de Preeres . Roberto Ostage . Johanne de Bussey Willelmo de Laueham de eodem comitatu . Willelmo de Waulde Hugone le Bret de eadem et aliis.' Kensington: 22 Apr. 1288.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; pink. Shield of arms, quarterly a mullet in the first quarter (VERE); * SIGILLVM :: SECRETI

210

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of John Womborn, clerk, John Parke of Brythwell, and John Morhall giving to Baldwin Bereford and Idonea his wife the manors of Northolt (*Northall*) and Down (*Donne*) together with all other lands and tenements in the villages and hamlets of Ickenham (*Ikenham*), 'Strikeldon', Great Greenford and Little Greenford, Middx., which they lately had of the gift and feoffment of Baldwin and Idonea, to hold to Baldwin and Idonea and the heirs and assigns of Baldwin of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Johanne Eston' Willelmo de Zeddyngre Thoma de Pynnor' Johanne Langeford Thoma Moor' de Woxebrugg' et multis aliis.' Northolt: 13 June 1395.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{16}$ in.; red. A couched shield of arms, crusilly three stags' heads cabossed. On a helmet an encircled crest, a stag sejant. s. Iohannis ~ park :—

The previous conveyance to the present grantors was by a fine of 18 Ric. II (see Hardy and Page, *Calendar of Fines for London and Middlesex*, i. 166). The present charter was the final step in a resettlement of the lands.

2II

Notification by William, earl Warenne and (count of) Boulogne and Mortain, that he has granted permission to the monks of Furness abbey to take in his forest of Lancaster the material which they may need, in particular for their fishery at Lancaster. Singleton (1153-9)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Coucher Book of Furness Abbey* (Chetham Soc., N.S. 74), ii, pt. i. 184, from the cartulary; first two witnesses only: Farrer, *Lancashire Pipe Rolls*, 309, from the cartulary.

Willelmus comes Warennie et Bolonii et Moretonie . omnibus justic' suis et bauilliis¹ et hominibus suis de honore Lanc' . salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et sigilli mei munimine confirmasse deo et monachis sancte Marie de Furn' in perpetuam elemosinam . ut in foresta mea de Lanc' accipiant materiem . et cetera que ad usus suos sunt necessaria . et nominatim ad piscariam suam de Lanc' faciendam quicquid eis ad hoc opus fuerit : inde accipere permitto. Testes . Reginaldus de Warenn' . Eustachius cancellarius . Willelmus Malebisse . Faramus apud Singeltun.

SEAL on tag: pink; much broken. Equestrian, lance, horse walking.

The grantor was the younger son of King Stephen and had married Isabel daughter and heir of William de Warenne, the third earl of Surrey; for an account of him and his vast possessions see Round, *Peerage and Family History*, 167-71. The fishery at Lancaster was a part of the original endowment of the abbey (charter No. 423 *post*); timber would be required for the construction of the weirs. The witness Reginald de Warenne was a younger brother of the third earl and ancestor of the Warennes of Wormegay, Norf. He seems to have played an important part in the management of the Warenne lands (see *BM Facsimiles*, No. 31). Faramus is the well-known Faramus of Boulogne, as to whom see Round in *Genealogist*, N.S. xii. 145 et seq. This instrument cannot be earlier than 6 Nov. 1153, the date of the treaty between Stephen and the future Henry II by the terms of which Henry undertook to restore to William the lands in Normandy including the *comté* of Mortain which Stephen had possessed (Delisle and Berger, *Recueil des Actes de Henry II*, i. 62). The grantor died in 1159 on the Toulouse expedition.

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Treaty between Robert earl of Gloucester and Miles earl of Hereford. (25 July 1141-24 Dec. 1143; probably June 1142).

BS FACSIMILE. Plate IV.

PRINTED: Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 381, from a transcript by Dugdale.

Noscant omnes hanc esse confederationem amoris inter Robertum comitem Gloecestrie . et Milonem comitem Herefordie . Robertus comes Gloecestrie assecuravit

¹ *Sic.*

Milonem comitem Herefordiæ fide et sacramento . quod custodiet illi pro toto posse suo et sine ingenio . suam uitam . et suum membrum . et terrenum suum honorem . et auxiliabitur illi ad custodiendum sua castella . et sua recta et sua hereditaria . et sua tenementa . et sua conquisita que modo habet . et que faciet . et suas consuetudines et rectitudines . et suas libertates in bosco . et in plano . et aquis . et quod sua hereditaria que modo non habet ⁊ ei auxiliabitur ad conquirendum. Et si aliquis uellet inde comiti Hereford' malum facere . uel de aliquo decrescere . si comes Hereford' uellet inde guerreare . quod Robertus comes Gloecestrie cum illo se teneret . et quod ad suum posse illi auxiliaretur per fidem et sine ingenio. Nec pacem neque trevias cum illis haberet ⁊ qui malum comiti Herefordiæ inferrent ⁊ nisi per bonum uelle et grantum comitis Hereford' . et nominatim de hac guerra que modo est inter imperatricem et regem Stephanum ⁊ se cum comite Hereford' tenebit . et ad unum opus erit ⁊ et de omnibus aliis guerris. Et in hac ipsa confederatione amoris affidauit comitissa Gloecestrie quod suum dominum in hoc amore erga Milonem comitem Heref' pro posse suo tenebit . et si inde exiret ad suum posse illum ad hoc reponeret. Et si non posset ⁊ legalem recordationem si opus esset inde faceret ad suum scire. Et de hac conuencione firmiter tenenda ex parte comitis Gloecestrie ⁊ sunt hii obsides per fidem et per sacramenta erga comitem Hereford' . hoc modo quod si comes Gloecestrie de hac conuentione exiret ⁊ dominum suum comitem Gloecestrie requirerent . ut se erga comitem Heref' erigeret . et si infra xl dies se nollet erga comitem Heref' erigere . se comiti Heref' liberarent ad faciendum de illis suum uelle . vel ad illos retinendum in suo seruitio donec illos quietos clamaret ⁊ uel ad illos ponendum ad legalem redempcionem . ita ne terram perderent. Et quod legalem recordationem de hac conuencione facerent ⁊ si opus esset . Guefridus de Walteriuiill . Ricardus de Greinuill' . Osbernus Octdeners . Reinaldus de Cahagnis . Hubertus dapifer . Odo Sorus . Gislebertus de Vnfranuill' . Ricardus de Sancto Quintino. Et ex parte Milonis comitis Heref' ad istud confirmandum ⁊ concessit Milo comes Hereford Roberto comiti Gloecestriæ Mathielum filium suum tenendum in obsidem ⁊ donec guerra inter imperatricem et regem Stephanum et Henricum filium imperatricis finiatur. Et interim si Milo comes Heref' uoluerit aliquem alium de suis filiis qui sanus sit in loco Mathieli filii sui ponere ⁊ recipietur. Et postquam guerra finita fuerit . et Robertus comes Gloecestrie . et Milo comes Hereford' terras suas et sua recta rehabuerint ⁊ reddet Robertus comes Gloecestrie Miloni comiti Hereford' filium suum. Et tunc de probis hominibus utriusque comitis considerabuntur et capientur obsides et securitates de amore ipsorum comitum tenendo in perpetuum. Et de hac conuencione amoris ⁊ Rogerus filius comitis Heref' affidauit et iurauit comiti Gloecestrie quod patrem suum pro posse suo tenebit. Et si comes Hereford' inde uellet exire ⁊ Rogerus filius suus inde illum requireret . et inde illum corrigeret . et si comes Heref' se inde erigere nollet ⁊ seruitium ipsius Rogeri filii sui prorsus perdet ⁊ donec se erga comitem Gloecestrie erexisset. Et de hac conuencione ex parte comitis Heref' sunt hii sui homines obsides erga comitem Gloecestrie per fidem et per sacramenta . hoc modo . quod si comes Heref' de hac conuencione exiret . dominum suum comitem Heref' requirerent ut se erga comitem Gloecestrie erigeret .

Hosceant omnes hanc esse confederationem Amoris inter Rob comitem Gloucestre. et Arlonem comitem Herefordie.
 Rob comes Glouc affectuauit Arlonem comitem Herefordie fide et sacramento. quod custodiet illi pro tota posse sua et sine
 ingenio. sua uita. et suum membrum. et terram suum honorem. et auxiliabit illi ad custodiendum sua castella. et sua recta
 et sua hereditaria. et sua teneuerit. et sua congrua quam in hunc. et quod faciat. et suas consuetudines et rectitudines. et suas libertates
 in bosco. et in plano. et ager. et quod sua hereditaria quam in uita. et auxiliabit ad congruendum. Et si aliquis uellet inde
 comiti Hereford malum facere. uel de aliquo decrescere. si comes Hereford uellet in querere. quod Rob comes Glouc cum illo
 se teneret. et quod ad suum posse illi auxiliaret per fide et sine ingenio. Nec pace neque querelam illi habet. quod malum comi
 ti Herefordie inferrent. nisi per bonum uelle et gaudium comitis Hereford. Et notum de hac guerra quod inest in impatore et rege
 Stephanum. se cum comite Hereford tenebit. et ad unum opus erit. et de omnibus aliis queris. Et in hac ipsa confederatione Amoris
 affidauit comitissa Glouc quod suum dominum in hoc amore erga comitem Hereford per posse suo tenebit. Et si in exierit
 ad suum posse illi ad hoc reponet. Et si non posset. legale recordatione si exisset non faceret ad suum seipsum. Et de hac
 conuentione firmiter tenenda ex parte comitis Glouc. Et huiusmodi obsides per fide et per sacramenta erga comitem Hereford. hoc quod
 Quod si comes Glouc de hac conuentione exierit. dominum suum comitem Glouc requirerent. ut se erga comitem Hereford erigeret.
 Et si infra. xl. dies se nollit erga comitem Hereford erigere. se comiti Hereford libarent ad faciendum de illis suis uelle.
 uel ad illos retinendum in suo seruitio donec illos quos clamaret. uel ad illos ponendum ad legale redemptionem. ita ne
 terra prederent. Et quod legale recordatione de hac conuentione facerent. si opus esset. Guillelmus de Walsingham. Ricardus de
 Wyntoun. Osbertus ordeneys. Remaldus de Carham. Hubertus dapifer Odo Sore. Guillelmus de Wyntoun. Ricardus de Wyntoun.
 Et ex parte Arlonis comitis Hereford ad istud confirmandum. concessit Arlo comes Hereford Rob comiti Glouc
 Wathelam filium suum tenendum in obside. donec guerra inter impatorem et regem Stephanum et hanciam filium impatorem
 finiat. Et inter si Arlo comes Hereford uoluerit. aliquem alium de suis filiis quam hanciam sit in loco Wathelam filii sui
 ponere. recipiet. Et per quam guerra finita fuerit. et Rob comes Glouc. et Arlo comes Hereford terras suas et sua
 recta retinuerint. reddet Rob comes Glouc Arloni comiti Hereford filium suum. Et de de per his hominibus utriusque
 comitis considerabunt et capient obsides et securitates de amore ipsorum comitum tenendo in perpetuum. Et de hac
 conuentione Amoris. Rogerus filius comitis Hereford affidauit et iurauit comiti Glouc quod pacem suam per posse suo
 tenebit. Et si comes Hereford non uellet exire. Rogerus filius suus in illum requireret. et in illum corrumperet. Et si come
 Hereford se in erigere nollit. seruitum ipsius Rogeri filii sui per se prederet. donec se erga comitem Glouc exisset. Et de
 hac conuentione ex parte comitis Hereford sunt huiusmodi homines obsides erga comitem Glouc per fide et per sacramenta. hoc modo.
 Quod si comes Hereford de hac conuentione exierit. dominum suum comitem Hereford requirerent ut se erga comitem Glouc erigeret.
 Et si infra. xl. dies se nollit erga comitem Glouc erigere. se comiti Glouc libarent ad faciendum de illis suis uelle.
 uel ad illos retinendum in suo seruitio donec illos quos clamaret. uel ad illos ponendum ad legale redemptionem
 ita ne terra prederent. Et quod legale recordatione de hac conuentione in curia facerent. si opus esset.
 Robertus corbet. Willms. Wyntoun. Hugo de Labase.

et si infra xl dies se nollet erga comitem Glocestrie erigere ⁊ se comiti Glocestrie liberarent ad faciendum de illis suum uelle . uel ad illos retinendum in suo seruitio donec illos quietos clamaret ⁊ uel ad illos ponendum ad legalem redempcionem ita ne terram perderent. Et quod legalem recordationem de hac conuencione in curia facerent ⁊ si opus esset . Robertus Corbet . Willelmus Mansel . Hugo de Lahese.

Strip only for seal.

This important feudal document has been printed by Round (see above) with a commentary. Round (p. 379) suspected that Dugdale's transcript was incomplete and that the provisions to be observed by the earl of Hereford had been omitted therefrom; the transcript, however, agrees with the facsimile except for minor inaccuracies and is complete. The agreement is mentioned by Dugdale in his *Baronage* (i. 537), and it is significant that he describes it as 'ex ipso autographo penes Joh. Philipot Somerset Heraldum, an. 1640', the year in which this facsimile was made. The date assigned is that proposed by Round. Although there is no indication that a chirograph was drawn up, it seems arguable that each earl would have desired to hold a copy of the agreement sealed with his ally's seal.

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Charter of William earl of Gloucester giving to Rannulf son of Gerold twelve 'libratae' of land in Great Gransden, Hunts., together with so much of the advowson as pertains to that land. Bristol (circa 1150-9)

BS FACSIMILE.

W. comes Glocestrie . suo dapifero . omnibusque suis baronibus . et hominibus atque fidelibus Francis Anglis ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Ranulfo filio Geroldi . xij libratas terre apud Grentendenam pro suo seruicio . in bosco . et plano et pratis et pasturis . et in aliis aisiamentis . cum donatione ecclesie quantum sue terre pertinet ⁊ tenendas in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis ⁊ sibi et heredibus suis. Et uolo atque precipio . quatinus illas bene . et in pace . libere . et honorabiliter teneat. Et si aliquis hanc predictam terram uersus Rannulfum calumpniatus fuerit . et non possim eam illi adquietare . suum excambium ipsi Rannulfo inde de meo dominico dabo ⁊ antequam de sua predicta terra dissaisiatur. Et de hiis xij libratas terre de Grentendena . et de viij libratas terre de Toppesfelda ⁊ faciet mihi Rannulfus seruicium unius militis. Testibus Hath' comitissa Hamone fratre comitis . Huberto dapifero . Gregorio filio Roberti . Roberto de Almeri dapifero . magistro Guarino . Adam de Ely . Picardo . et Henrico Tusardo clericis . Alano de Warnestco . Ricardo de Sancto Quint' . Roberto de Maisi . Roberto de Gunnouilla . Roberto de Greinuilla . Roberto de Euerci et Roberto eius fratre . Ricardo de Cardi . Simone eius fratre . Gisleberto de Almeri . Waltero de Wicha . Ada accipitrio . Ranulfo filio Ricardi . Rogero Witeng apud Bristou.

Strip for seal cut off.

The donor succeeded his father in 1147 and married Hawisa daughter of Robert earl of Leicester about 1150 (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 688). Hamo his brother died on the Toulouse expedition in 1159 (*Howden*, *RS* i. 217).

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Charter of Hugh of Whitefield, Isle of Wight, giving to Quarr abbey all the land which his father Robert and he after him had in Sway, Hants, of the fee of the earl (of Devon). (After Apr. 1162)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus Hugo de Guitvilla ⁊ salutem. Uniuersitati uestre sit cognitum . quod ego Hugo de Guitvilla pro anima domini mei comitis Ricardi . et pro anima patris mei . pro salute etiam anime mee et omnium antecessorum atque successorum meorum . dono et hac mea carta confirmo deo et abbacie sancte Marie de Quarraria et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . totam terram quam Robertus de Wituilla pater meus et post ego heres eius habuimus in uilla de Sveia de feudo comitis ⁊ cum hominibus masuris . pratis pasturis . aquis . molendinis . salinis et siluis et omnibus aliis eius pertinentiis et consuetudinibus ⁊ solutam et ex toto liberam et quietam ab omnibus terrenis seruitiis donis et auxiliis ⁊ et exactionibus uniuersis. Ut enim hec mea elemosina predictis monachis libera permaneat et quieta ego et heredes mei de nostro dominio eam ex toto debemus adquietare de seruitio regis . comitis . vicecomitis et omnimodis aliis seruitiis qui in eandem terram superuenerint. Hoc ego Hugo affidaui de manu dextera mea in manu Peuerelli de Argent coram baronibus et militibus de Insula ⁊ Guarino . Gaufrido . Guillelmo filio Stvr ⁊ Willelmo filio Pagani . Willelmo de Sorewell ⁊ Roberto de Parco et multis aliis. Et hanc meam donationem concessit Matilda uxor mea ⁊ et filii mei. Willelmus . Robertus ⁊ Willelmus et Ricardus . et fratres etiam mei ⁊ Jordanus et Willelmus . et nepos meus ⁊ Willelmus Maskerellus . Hii omnes hanc meam donationem concesserunt . et ex toto quietam clamauerunt ⁊ necnon et hanc meam cartam sancte crucis signo confirmauerunt. Testibus his . Guarino de Aula . Gaufrido de Insula . Guillelmo Stvr¹ . Symone abbate . Reginaldo priore . Roberto . Nicholao . Waltero monachis . Roberto . Radulfo canonicis . Willelmo filio Pagani . Willelmo de Sorewell ⁊ Peuerello de Arg' . Jordano forestario . Willelmo Flam' . Adam de Conton' . Roberto de Parco.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; brown. A lion passant to the sinister; ✠ SIGILLVM : [HV]GONIS DE : WIVILLA

The donor took his name from Whitefield in the Isle of Wight; his father Robert witnessed Earl Baldwin's 'foundation' charter for Quarr between 1141 and 1144 (*Cambridge Hist. Journ.* iv. 297). Earl Richard, here clearly mentioned as dead, died Apr. 1162, but this is the only indication of date. Simon is a hitherto unrecorded abbot of Quarr. In connexion with this transaction there are two subsidiary instruments of interest: a notification by Warin de Aula that he was present and heard the gift and *affidatio* (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 8), and a similar notification by Geoffrey de Insula (*Rutland Rep.* iv. 59). These are the Guarinus and the Gaufridus of the *affidatio*. The witnesses show all three documents to be contemporaneous. Hugh also gave Whitefield to Quarr (Madox, *op. cit.*, No. 84).

¹ Sic for filio Stvr.

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Charter of Basilia daughter of Geoffrey son of Herlewin, giving to Langley priory, Leics., her share in the fisheries in Stoke Ferry, Norf., namely, in 'Sumerdeswere' and 'Lueswere'. (Second half of 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Basilia filia Galfridi filii Herlewini et heredes mei dedimus et concedimus et hac carta confirmamus domino deo et sancte Marie et monialibus de Langeleia in perpetuam et liberam et quietam elemosinam portionem meam in piscariis in mariscis Stoc' . scilicet in Sumerdeswere et de Lueswere cum pertinentiis . hoc modo quod moniales locent piscaria ubi et cui uiderint fidelius et melius esse locanda . et ex eis accipiant ad opus suum et usum dimidium millene anguillarum et si aliquid amplius de eis haberi possit : per manus monialium ad me uel heredes meos redeat . et nostro consilio locabitur ubi fidelius et melius locari poterit. His testibus . Daniele presbitero de Bugetun Willelmo sacerdote de Letune . Ricardo persona de Stradesete . Ranulfo clerico de Wattona . Roberto filio Seman de Stradesete . Willelmo Willeis . Roberto sur leit . Gerardo de Felebrigga . Hulf Ketel Ruffo de Wertona.

No seal or tag shown.

A charter of Hubert Walter, archbishop of Canterbury (1193–1205), confirms this gift, describing the donor as Basilia of Holme (in South Runcion, Norf.) (*Mon.* iv. 222). By another charter *domina Basilia de Holmia* gave to Langley half a thousand eels or alternatively a rent of 3 shillings from her fishery of Stoke, Roger her first-born son confirming (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 405). By a final concord of 32 Hen. III (1247–8) Roger de Stokes and Nicholas de Stokes divided between them all the lands, including land at Stoke Ferry, which Basilia daughter of Roger of Holme held at her death (Blomefield and Parkin, *Hist. of Norfolk*, 8vo ed. vii. 438); here we seem to have the donor's son and granddaughter. The charter contains no very clear indications of date, but the pedigree outlined above suggests the second half of the 12th century.

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Charter of Henry Biset giving to Breamore priory, Hants, the land which lies on the east side of the old hospital between the road which leads from Whitsbury to Fordingbridge and the road which leads from Rockstead beside the canons' land of 'Clacke' to Fordingbridge. (1187–circa 1208)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 E 5.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus Biset dedi deo et ecclesie sancti Michaelis de Bromor' . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus pro amore dei et salute anime mee . et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . liberam et quietam ab omni seruitio . terram que iacet ex orientali parte veteris

hospitalis inter viam que tendit de Wichebir' ad Fordam et viam que tendit de Rockesia iuxta terram ipsorum canonicorum de Clacke' uersus Fordam. Et ut hec mea donatio futuris temporibus firma sit et stabilis' eam presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione confirmaui'. His testibus . Gaufrido de Neuill' . Hugone de Angens . Radulfo de Auseuil'¹ . Anselmo . Hugone de Stoctun' . Roberto de Bromor' . Herberto capellano de Rockeb' . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Carta Henrici Biset de terra iuxta veter hospitale. (14th century.)

SEAL on tag: pink; broken fragments. Equestrian.

For an account of the donor see note to No. 201. Rockbourne and the lands here in question were granted to his father, Manasser Biset, before Michaelmas 1156 (*PR 2 Hen. II*, 54; cf. *3 Hen. II*, 105). A charter of Manasser for Breamore priory is printed in *Mon.* vi. 329. 'Rockesia' is Rockstead in Rockbourne (*VCH Hants*, iv. 584); 'Clacke' has not been identified. The witness Hugh de Angens must have derived his name from Angiens, dép. Seine-Inférieure, one of Henry Biset's Norman possessions (*Le Cacheux, Chartes du prieuré de Longueville*, Soc. Hist. Norm. 45). The extreme limits of date are 1187, when the donor attained his majority, and his death about 1208, but the form of the instrument suggests a date late in this period.

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Charter of Gilbert de Cantilupe giving to Robert son of Roger de Cantilupe three virgates of land in Camel, Som., which Roger his father held. (12th century)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 G 33.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Gillebertus de Cantelupo dedi et concessi Rodberto filio Rogeri de Cantelo terram de Camel illam quam Rogerus pater predicti Rodberti tenuit . scilicet tres uirgatas terre pro humagio et seruicio suo tenendam de me et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui cum omnibus pertinenciis que pertinent ad predictam terram in boscho in pratis in planis et in paschuis . pro x solidis annuatim reddendis pro omni seruicio et pro omnibus querelis' que ad nos pertinent saluo seruicio domini regis. Ipse autem predictus Rodbertus dedit mihi de recognitione xvij solidos . et ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat' hoc sigillo meo et carta mea' confirmaui. Testante Willelmo de Alneto . Rodberto de Cantelupo Rodberto de Alneto Adam de la Roche Rodberto de Camel² Aluredo le Vauasur Rogero de Alneto Willelmo Leon Rogero filio Johannis de Trente Gilleberto de Alneto Roberto de Deuerel Willelmo filio Henrici Henrico de Chilletune.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: pink; much broken. A wolf to the sinister.

No mention of Gilbert de Cantilupe is to be found on the rolls, and there is little external evidence bearing on the date. In 1205 an Adam de Rupe was a party to a suit as to land in Camel, and was then absent with his lord William de Cantilupe on the king's service in Poitou (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iii. 329). William

¹ *Anseuile'* BS.

² The charter was already decayed at this point in 1640 and the transcriber read *camel*.

de Cantilupe was king John's seneschal and constantly appears on the rolls throughout his reign and in the early years of Henry III. This suggests that the present charter is earlier, and of the 12th century, a date consistent with its form and spelling.

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Charter of Sampson Foliot giving to Quarr abbey a house in Barfleur, Manche, and confirming the gift of his father in the same place. (circa 1200)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 D 4.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Sanson Foliot dedi et concessi in elemosinam perpetuam sancte Marie de Quadraria et monachis ibidem seruientibus unum mesuagium in uilla de Barbeflet scilicet unum de tribus quod Matheus clericus tenuit scilicet medium illud libere et quiete ab omni seruitio. Donum etiam patris mei in pre-nominata uilla de Barbeflet eis concessi libere et quiete. His testibus . Driwone de Vernon . Herberto Goldewino . Rodberto pincerna . Willelmo Coffin . et aliis multis.

Endorsed: Carta Sansonis Folioth de mesuagio in Barbeflet. (*Contemporary.*)

No seal or tag shown. A fragment of seal remains on its tag on the original.

Sampson Foliot was lord of Montfarville, close to Barfleur; by another charter he gave two houses in Barfleur to Quarr (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 419); they were probably the remaining two of the three here mentioned. The family were benefactors of the abbey of Montebourg, another foundation with which the earls of Devon were closely connected. A charter of Henry II confirms to Montebourg the gift of the church of Montfarville made by an earlier Sampson Foliot *concessu Roberti de Novoburgo* and therefore before 1159 (Delisle and Berger, *Recueil*, ii. 152); this Sampson must be identical with the witness to charter No. 178. Between c. 1165 and 1190 William Foliot, the then lord of Montfarville, twice occurs as a benefactor of the abbey of Le Vœu at Cherbourg (L. Couppey, *L'Abbaye de N.-D. du Vœu de Cherbourg*, 11, 22), and in 1190 he took the cross (*ibid.* 34). He is apparently the father whose gift is here confirmed. In 1213 Sampson Foliot, the present donor, confirmed a gift to Cherbourg (*ibid.* 43), and in 1223 Richard Foliot, son of Sampson Foliot, confirmed to the Maison-Dieu at Barfleur a gift by his brother William of land at Le Vicel (P. Le Cacheux, *L'Hôtel-Dieu de Coutances*, i. 20). In May 1231 Louis IX gave to John de Fricamps 'terram que fuit Richardi Foliot in omnibus apud Carnanvillam, Morfarvillam et terram Sansonis Foliot in omnibus ibidem' (Delisle, *Cartulaire Normand*, No. 379). The family does not seem, however, to have lost its lands finally and completely, for in 1278 Richard Foliot, son of the late Sampson Foliot, confirmed to Montebourg lands in Montfarville among other places (Delisle, *loc. cit.*, citing the cartulary of Montebourg).

In Oxfordshire in 1235-6 a Sampson Foliot held 3 knights' fees of the earl of Devon in Fritwell, Noke, and Aldbury (*Fees*, 447), and in Wiltshire Chilton Foliatt and Draycott Foliatt of the king as of the honor of Wallingford (*ibid.* 423). When in addition we find a William Foliot party to a fine concerning land in Aldbury in 1197 (*PRS* xx, No. 79) it is tempting to identify the Oxfordshire Sampson of 1235-6 with the man mentioned in St. Louis's charter of 1231. They were, however, different persons, for the Oxfordshire tenant in a charter giving land at Chilton to St. Frideswide's priory, Oxford, describes himself as son of Henry Foliot (*Cartulary*, Ox. Hist. Soc. ii. 361), which Henry had succeeded an elder brother Ralf (*ibid.* ii. 359). At the same time all the circumstances suggest a relationship between the two families. The history of these Norman Foliots is not without interest as affording a clue to the origin of Gilbert Foliot, bishop of London, who had a nephew, another Gilbert, who held land at Vauville in the Côtentin (Delisle et Berger, *Recueil*, Introduction, 376, n. 5).

Both Sampson Foliot and Robert *pincerna*, a witness to this charter, witness a charter of William, earl of Devon, for Montebourg, which Round dates *c.* 1196 (*CDF*, No. 904).

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Charter of Gundred de Warenne confirming to the priory of St. Denis beside Southampton the church of Little Fakenham, Suff., which was of her marriage portion, as her husband Geoffrey de la Huse had given it at her request. (circa 1200)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 E 24.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 214, with abbreviations and first witness only, *ex autogr. in bibl. Hatton.*

Sciant presentes et futuri . quod ego Gundreia de Warenn' . intuitu pietatis . concessi . et presenti carta mea confirmaui . ecclesie sancti Dionisii iuxta Suhanton' . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus ecclesiam de Parua Fageham . que est de maritagio meo ita plenarie et integre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in perpetuum possidendam . sicut Galfridus Hosatus dominus meus eis dedit . et ad petitionem meam et instanciam . domino Johanni Norewicensi episcopo presentauit. Hiis testibus . Gilone Hosato . Waltero de Wike . Hilario de Bacamtone . Ricardo de Stutescumbe . Rocelino Husato . Rogero . et Hugone capellanis . Roberto . Nicolao . Reginaldo . Waltero . clericis . Reginaldo Swift . Radulfus (*sic*) de Grainuill' . Henrico coco . Henrico Aletone . Willelmo filio Milonis . Philippo capellano . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Confirmacio Gundree de capella de Fageham. (Early 13th century.)

SEAL on green and white cords: pointed oval, *c.* $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; uncoloured; much broken. A lady standing, a hawk on her left hand; no legend. BM 6732

Gundred de Warenne married firstly Peter II de Valognes, who died without issue (*HKF* iii. 393); secondly William III de Curcy of Stogursey, who died 1170–1 (*ibid.* i. 112) and to whom she bore a son William, aged 20 in 1185 (*Rot. de Dominabus*, 73) and a daughter named Alice; her second marriage therefore cannot have been later than the beginning of 1165. She married thirdly Geoffrey de la Huse, who seems to have been dead by Michaelmas 1198 (*PR 10 Ric. I*, 69), and by whom she had a son Geoffrey. She died in 1224 (*HKF* i. 112). There is no direct evidence as to her parentage. The date of her second marriage suggests that she was born before 1150. She could not be a daughter of the second Earl Warenne who died in 1138 and who moreover had a daughter Gundred who married Roger earl of Warwick; nor of the third earl who left an only daughter and heir, the countess Isabel. The only available father for her would seem to be Reginald de Warenne, a younger son of the second earl, who married Alice daughter and heir of William of Wormegay, lord of a considerable honor in the eastern counties. Some little support for this conjecture is afforded by a charter of William de Warenne, son of this Reginald, in the Lewes priory cartulary which is witnessed by William de Curcy, apparently either Gundred's second husband or her son (*Suss. Rec. Soc.* xxxviii. 55); it should also be noted that Gundred's daughter bore the name of Alice, that of Reginald's wife.

In Domesday Book Little Fakenham was held by Peter of the abbey of Bury St. Edmunds (f. 367 *b*), and the corresponding entries in Abbot Baldwin's Book of Fees (*Feudal Documents from Bury St Edmunds*, 23–4) show him to have been Peter I de Valognes, grandfather of Gundred's first husband. This suggests that Gundred held it as dower and not as *maritagium*, a marriage portion from her father. The subsequent history of the land, however, seems to negative this idea. On 9 May 1225 there is a royal writ to the sheriff of Suffolk to give Hugh de Neville and Joan his wife and Margaret de Reviers seisin of the land in Faken-

ham of which Gundred de Warenne was seised at her death and which belonged by inheritance to Joan and Margaret (*Rot. Litt. Claus.* ii. 37). They were daughters of Alice, Gundred's daughter by her second husband, William de Curcy; Joan by Alice's first husband Henry of Cornhill, and Margaret by her second, Warin fitzGerold (*HKF* i. 108); Margaret was the widow of Baldwin, son of the earl of Devon, and of Fawkes de Breauté. Later, in 1236, in a list of knights' fees of the barony of Valognes (*Fees*, 579) Margaret de Reviers is entered as holding $1\frac{3}{4}$ fees in Little Fakenham and elsewhere. An interest which thus descended to the grandchildren by the second husband could not have originated in dower from the first, and in view of the fact that in the present charter Gundred herself describes Little Fakenham as her *maritagium*, the most probable explanation seems to be that her father held it of Valognes by subinfeudation and when his daughter married into the family of his overlord gave it her as a marriage portion. No very definite evidence of date is forthcoming for this charter, but from its substance it was probably issued not long after the death of Geoffrey de la Huse.

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Charter of William de Aldri, addressed to the men of the soke of Fackeley, giving to Stephen son of Stephen of Ecton, Northants., his tenement in Draughton, Northants., which Malcolm king of Scots had given to Stephen the father. (Earl's Barton: 1187-8 or shortly after)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 B 37.

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus de Aldri . omnibus amicis et hominibus suis . et nominatim hominibus de Fakelesoc' . salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Stephano filio Stephani de Eketona et heredibus suis . totum tenementum meum de feodo regis Scot' in Drahtona quod Malcom rex Scot' Stephano patri suo dederat . tenendum de me et de heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate . bene et in pace . libere et quiete . integre et honorifice . in bosco et plano . in villa ⁊ et extra uillam . et in omnibus libertatibus ⁊ reddendo inde mihi uel heredibus meis annuatim xiiij solidos . pro omnibus seruiciis ad quatuor terminos . scilicet ad Natale domini ⁊ iij solidos et vj denarios . ad Pascha ⁊ iij solidos et vj denarios . ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste ⁊ iij solidos et vj denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis ⁊ iij solidos et vj denarios. Et de hoc tenemento predictus Stephanus filius Stephani homagium mihi fecit coram Daud fratre regis Scot' domino meo ⁊ in curia sua. Et ipse quietus est de releuatione sua per xvj solidos quos ipse mihi dedit coram domino meo Daud. Testibus . eodem Daud . domino meo . Hugone Ridel . Hugone Burdet . Hugone Giffard . Willelmo Giffard . et Waltero Giffard . Willelmo filio Emme . Willelmo Rikespaud . Waltero de Lindesia . Rogero de Sud'biria . Philippo de Torp . Thoma clerico et Roberto fratre suo . Willelmo de Riston' . Roberto de Wilebi . Galfrido de Holec' . Henrico de Farend' . H' . de Oxend' . Alcmund' de Oxend'.

Endorsed: Donacio Willelmi de Aldri Stephano filio Stephani de Eket'. (13th century.)

SEAL on cord: round, $2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; green. Equestrian, rounded helmet, arm outstretched but sword omitted, kite-shaped shield, long surcoat, horse walking; ✠ SIGILLVM WILLELMI AV . D. . . . BM 5608

This charter carries the history of the land dealt with by No. 200 above a stage farther. As shown in the note to the previous charter, Stephen the father died 1187-8, and the subject-matter of the present charter, in particular the mention of the relief, shows it to be soon after that event. The local character of some of the witnesses suggests that this charter also was executed at Earl's Barton; indeed, the correspondence between the witnesses to the two charters is such that but for their subject-matter they might well be taken to be contemporaneous; in this connexion it may be noted that the originals are in different handwritings. Fackeley soke was in Rothwell hundred.

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Charter of Robert the butler giving to Lewes priory the land to the west of Torna, where Guistan Dod lived, and Crowhurst, Suss. (1163-6)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 I 31.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri . quod ego Robertus pincerna assensu Radulfi . filii et heredis mei . dono et concedo . et hac carta mea confirmo deo et sancto Pancratio et monachis ibidem deo seruiantibus terram del West de Torna . in qua Guistanus Dod manebat . similiter dono eis terram de Chroerst . membrum de Hauetwisel. Et istas terras dono eis et sigilli mei munimine confirmo : in liberam et perpetuam helemosinam . solutam et quietam ab omnibus seruitiis . exactionibus et querelis. Et ego et heredes mei adquietabimus et guarentizabimus predictas terras erga omnes homines. Hanc uero donationem facio pro salute mea . et Radulfi de Dena filii mei . et pro anima Seburgis uxoris mée . et filie męę Heldeardis . et omnium antecessorum meorum. Et quando ista donatio facta fuit : prior et conuentus recognouerunt me per caritatem de quinque marcis nominatim pro terra de Chroerst. Testibus Johanne comite de Augo . Rogero Hai . vicecomite regis . Ricardo de Chaannes . Simone filio Drogonis . Gilleberto Lauel . Rogero de Burgauill' . Willelmo Malfet . Anfrido clerico . Osberto Hosato . Ricardo de Glothingeh' . Simone dapifero . Aldredo camberlenco prioris . Rannulfo portario sancti Pancratii . Ricardo de Hindendale.

Endorsed: Roberti pincerne de Thorne et Croherst. (*Contemporary.*)

de rap' de Peuenese (14th century) $\frac{\text{xviiij}}{\text{O}}$

No tag or seal shown. Slit only for seal-tag on original.

Crowhurst and Guestling lie in the Rape of Hastings and were held of the count of Eu. The present gift was confirmed by the donor's son, Ralf de Dene—the usual name of the family—by a charter which cannot be much later (PRO Ancient Deed A 15483; see Lewes Cartulary, ed. L. F. Salzman, Suss. Rec. Soc. xxxviii, pt. i. 137). A charter of John, count of Eu, confirms what appears to be a different gift by Robert to the priory (ibid. i. 147). Roger Hai became sheriff of Sussex after Michaelmas 1163 and continued to Easter 1170. Ralf de Dene, Robert's son, held 6 knights' fees of Richer de Laigle in 1166 (RB 204); as Robert the butler witnesses two charters of Richer for Lewes priory (Salzman, op. cit. i. 159-60) he must have preceded his son in this holding and died before 1166. No holding by the family is shown in the count of Eu's return of 1166. The press-mark xviiij-o on the endorsement is a serial number and as such is entered against the charter in the cartulary.

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Charter of Roger earl of Hereford, granting to the monks of Clifford priory the right to buy and sell free of toll, &c., in Hay and Brecon and in his other tenements this side of the Wye. (1143-55)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 55 D 44, now nearly illegible.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon. v. 42, ex autographo in bibliotheca Hattoniana.*

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus comes Hereford' dedi deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Clif' et monachis de sancto Pancratio ibidem deo seruientibus . omnem libertatem emendi et uendendi sine gablo et tolneo . et placitis . et querelis ⁊ et omnibus consuetudinibus solutam et quietam in Haia . et in Brekenau ⁊ et in aliis tenementis meis citra Waiam positis. Hanc concessionem feici¹ eis pro salute anime mee . et patris mei et matris et omnium parentum. Testibus . Oliuero . Roberto Brito . Waltero domino.

No seal or tag shown. Tag only for seal remains on original.

The priory of St. Mary at Clifford, Heref., was a cell of the priory of St. Pancras, Lewes. The limits of date are those of Earl Roger's tenure of the earldom of Hereford. The lord Walter must be Walter de Clifford. The phrase 'this side the Wye' shows that the charter was granted in Wales, possibly at the Cliffords' castle of Llandovery.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 45.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words. French.

Notification by Thomas earl of Lancaster that he has granted to Robert le Veneur all the lands and tenements which have come to the grantor by reason of the minority of Thomas son and heir of Thomas de Ferrers, late his tenant in the manor of Loxley, Staffs. (*Lockeslegh*), until the full age of the said Thomas, together with Thomas's marriage and all other profits which may accrue by reason of the minority. If Thomas should die before he come of age Robert shall hold the lands till such time as the heir shall be of full age. To hold to Robert his heirs and assigns rendering the services due to the grantor in respect of the said tenements. Sealing clause. Witnesses: 'Mons. Robert de Holand Mons. Willame Destafford Mons. Phelippe de Barynton' Mons. Adam Banastre chiualliers Johan de Bromschulf Robert de Cauereswall Henri Oweyn' and others. Melbourne, Derbs.: 7 Sept. 1305.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: uncoloured; central portion only. Shield of arms, ENGLAND, a label of three points. Tag only remains on the original charter.

Loxley in Uttoxeter, Staffs., was held of the earls of Derby by the service of a quarter of a knight's fee by a younger branch of the Ferrers family. Although the earlier pedigree of this branch has not been established, it seems probable that the original sub-feoffee was Robert de Ferrers, a younger brother of William the third earl. In 1266 the honor of Tutbury, of which Loxley was a member, was given to the grantor's father, Edmund second son of Henry III (see No. 411 and note).

¹ *Sic.*

224

Charter of Henry of Lancaster, son of Warin, giving to Furness abbey a moiety of the land in Forton, Lancs., within the boundaries set out; also common of pasture within the village of Forton, for specified animals. He also confirms the gift of the other moiety by Haldred of Forton his man. (circa 1206)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 52 I 1.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

PRINTED: *Coucher Book of Furness Abbey* (Chetham Soc. lxxiv), ii, pt. i. 230, from the cartulary.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri . quod ego Henricus de Lancast' filius Warini . concessu heredum meorum dedi et concessi . et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . deo et beate Marie de Furneis . et abbati et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . pro salute anime Willelmi de Lancast' et pro animabus Warini de Lancast' . et sponse sue Mabilie parentum meorum . et pro anima Ricardi Fitun patris sponse mee . et pro salute anime mee et sponse mee Margarete . et heredum nostrorum et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum . dimidiam partem terre infra istas diuisas. Ex australi parte a capite del Mechesic per le Stanraue usque in riuulum ex occidentali parte iuxta terram Herberti le Harpur . et sic ascendendo per riuulum usque in Modersic qui descendit ex occidentali parte de Birkelei . et sic uersus aquilonem usque in Modersic . inter Kerlingedynpel et Stanheued . et sic uersus orientem usque in Modersic de Vluethueit . et sic per le Modersic usque ad predictum caput de Mekesic . in excambio pro Muttuncnikel . in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . liberam et quietam in perpetuum de me et heredibus meis ab omni consuetudine et seculari exactione et seruicio . tam forinseco quam alio . in bosco et plano . in madido et sicco . in pascuis . pratis et pasturis . in viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis aisiamentis que infra predictam terram fieri uel inueniri poterunt. Preterea concessi eisdem abbati et monachis habere in perpetuum viginti vaccas cum vitulis suis anniculis . et quadraginta porcos liberos a pannagio . viginti scilicet sues cum secta sua unius anni . et alios viginti porcos . et ubicunque villa de Fortun habet commune ⁊ habebunt et monachi cum prenominais aueriis . et capient in bosco de Fortun omnia necessaria ad edificandas domos in ipsa terra prenominata . visu bailliui mei . sine destructione bosci. Ego uero et heredes mei post me warrantizabimus hanc terram eisdem abbati et monachis in omnibus . et contra omnes homines in perpetuum. Preterea confirmo eisdem abbati et monachis in hac carta mea donationem Haldredi hominis mei de Fortun . de dimidia alia parte predictae terre. Et ut rata et stabilis in perpetuum perseueret ⁊ presens scriptum sigilli mei attestatione muniui. Hiis testibus . Rogero abbate de Marisco . Willelmo priore de Loncast' . Roberto persona de Gairstang . A. persona de Halton' . Reginaldo de Chok' . Roberto filio Bernardi . Paulino de Gairstang . Roberto de Lanc' . Johanne de Eskeout . Jordano de Fortun . Radulfo de Fortun . A. de Kaibal . et multis aliis.

Endorsed: Henricus de Lancastr' filius Warini de terris et libertatibus in Fortun.
(13th century.)

SEAL¹ on tag: round, $1\frac{11}{16}$ in.; red. An eagle to the sinister; ✠ SIGILL' HENRICI DE LANCA.

Henry II gave Ravensmeols and other lands in Lancashire to Warin of Lancaster to hold by a falconer serjeanty, and this grant was confirmed to Warin's son Henry, the present donor, by John count of Mortain between 1189 and 1194 (Farrer, *Lancashire Pipe Rolls*, 432). Forton, in Cockerham, Lancs., had been given by William of Lancaster I to Warin (*VCH Lancs.* viii. 106), and Warin gave a moiety to Aldred son of Hamlet, the Haldred of this charter (*ibid.*). In the Coucher Book this charter is immediately preceded by that of Haldred of Forton giving to Furness the other moiety of the land in question; and except for necessary variations the two are verbally identical; unfortunately the cartulary omits witnesses and consequently it is not certain that they are contemporaneous. The extreme limits of date seem to be after 1194, when Thomas the predecessor of the witness Roger abbot *de Marisco* (i.e. Cockersand abbey) was certainly living (Farrer, *op. cit.* 339), and before 1216, when Roger had been succeeded by Hereward (*VCH Lancs.* ii. 158). Farrer (*ibid.* viii. 107 *n.*) says of this charter that 'it may be dated about 1206'.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words. French.

Letters of Robert of Eslington (*Esselington'*), knight, appointing his sons Robert and Thomas of Eslington his attorneys to receive seisin of the lands and tenements (unnamed) which he recovered against Henry fitzJohn before the king's justices at York. Sealing clause. Berneston: 20 Nov. 1323.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, c. $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms, two bars in chief three mullets; TI D' ESLINGTON

Robert de Eslington held Eslington in Whittingham, Northumb., and had two sons, Robert and Thomas (J. C. Hodgson in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 3rd ser. vi. 1 et seq.). They seem to be the Robert and Thomas who were collectors of an aid in 1346 (*FA* iv. 53). There is insufficient evidence to identify Berneston, which might be Barnston of Ess., Chesh., or Notts.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words. French.

Letters of Isabel de Buleye appointing Walter de Carminou and John of Guildford her attorneys to receive seisin of all her lands and tenements in Buleye within the manor of Camme which Thomas de Buleye her brother held for the term of his life. Sealing clause. Trerose in Cornwall: 30 Jan. 1332.

SEAL on strip cut not quite half-way across document, riband below cut off: green; central portion only. Below a human head two shields of arms, (i) a bend surmounted by a label of five points; (ii) crusilly a chevron.

Walter de Carminou must take his name from Carminow in Mawgan-in-Meneage, but he does not figure in the elaborate account of that family in MacLean's *History of Trigg Minor*. Treros may be Trerose a small manor in Mawnan parish, held at this time by the Whalesburgh family. It has not been found possible to identify Isabel or her lands.

¹ A small equestrian counterseal on original.

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A military indenture between Edward III and Edmund de Mortimer, earl of March, by which the earl is to serve the king in war, on and beyond the sea, for a full year with 80 men at arms, namely himself, 19 knights, 60 esquires, and 120 archers.

Westminster: 24 Feb. 1372.

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 53 E 44.

BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words. The original is now somewhat damaged. Words and letters in square brackets are supplied from BS. Indented.

Ceste endenture faite parentre nostre seigneur le Roy dune part et le conte de la Marche dautre part tesmoigne que le dit conte est demorez deuers nostre seigneur le Roy pur lui seruir en sa guerre sur et pardela la meer pur un an entier ouesque quatrevintz hommes darmes et cent et vynt archiers des queux hommes darmes seront lui meimes dys et noef chiualers et sessante esquiers. Et prendra le dit conte sibien pur lui meimes come pur ses gentz darmes et archiers auant ditz gages [de guer]re acustumez et pur lui et ses dites gentz darmes regard acustumez double comenceant le dit an le iour que le dit conte et sa retenue auant dite seront premierement a la meer sur leur passage. Et sera le [dite conte] paieiz du dit regard pur lui et ses gentz darmes auant ditz ore hastenem[ent] en mayn pur la [moite] du dit an et a la [venue] du dit conte et [de] sa dite retenue a la meer il sera paieiz des dites gages [pur lui et mei]sme sa retenue auant la mayn pur un quarter du dit an et de gages semblables pur lui et sa dite retenue pur le second quarter de meisme lan il auera bon et suffisante assignement et pur le second dem[y] an del an auant dit il sera prestement paieiz et assignez en la manere que dit est de semblables gages et regard pur lui et sa retenue auant dite. Et voet et grant nostre dit seigneur le Roy que si pees finale ou trieue pur un an entier se preignent parentre lui e son aduersaire de France et les royalmes dune part et dautre paront ceste prochain viage de guerre ordene[z] destre fait par nostre dit seigneur le Roy et son poair roial soit defait delaiez ou destourbez adonques en ce cas le dit conte ne sera tenuz de faire restitution a nostre dit seigneur le Roy en tout ne en partie du regard quel le dit conte auera receu deuant la mayn pur lui et ses gentz come dit est mes si la guerre dure sanz pees ou trieues ou si trieues se preignent parentre nostre dit seigneur le Roy et son aduersaire sus dit a durer meins que pur un an combien que par celles trieues le dit viage soit delaiez ou distourbez delors sera le dit conte tenuz de seruir ouesque sa dite retenue a nostre dit seigneur le Roy a son comandement en sa dite guerre par atant de temps pur combien le dit conte auera receu paiement de regard pur lui et ses gentz come auant est dit et toutdys sibien en lun cas come en lautre de les deniers queux le dit conte auera receu par paiement ou assignement come dit est pur gages de lui et de sa dite retenue lui seront allouez gages pur lui et pur meisme sa retenue pur le temps qils aueront demorez si bien a la meer sur leur passage come sur la meer ou [par]de la [a] cause de viage susdit. Et ne demandera le dit conte pur lui ne pur nul de ses gentz restor de chualx perdeuz en dit viage. Et si auera le

dit conte suffisante eskippeson pur passage et repassage de la meer de lui et de sa retenue auant dite et de leur chiualx et hernoys as coustage nostre dit seigneur le Roy en manere accoustumee. Et si par cas le dit viage se preigne v[ers] Aquitaine nostre dit seigneur le Roy ferra au dit conte rien regard pur lui et sa dite retenue outres les gages et regard auant ditz que le dit conte soi [ent deuera resonablement agreer]. Et [voet et grante nostre dit seigneur le Roy que les] chasteux villes seignuries et terres queles le dit conte [pur] le temps qil et sa dite retenue seront ensi en le s[eruice] nostre seigneur le Roy en dit viage purra] conquere sur les enemys Franceoys [deinz] le royaume de France par manere comprise en le statut ent fait il eit et [tiegne] selonc la forme de meisme le statut. En tesmo[ignance] de quele chose a la partie de c[este] endenture demorante deuers nostre dit seigneur le Roy le dit conte ad mys son seal. Don' a Westmonster le xxiiij iour de Feuerer lan du regne nostre dit seigneur le Roy Dangleterre qu[arante] sisme et de France trente tierz].

No endorsement.

SEAL on strip cut about half-way across the document: round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; pink. Shield of arms suspended from a tree, barry a chief charged with a pale and corners gyronny, and an escutcheon [MORTIMER]; on either side a helmet with crest, issuing from a coronet a plume of feathers; **S : edmundi de comitis de** The seal is now missing from the original document. Cf. BM 11956

For Edmund Mortimer, earl of March, see *CP*, 2nd ed. viii. 445–50.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 I 52.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words. French.

Notification by John de Bouchier (*Bourghier*) that whereas he has enfeoffed Robert bishop of London, Richard Waldegrave, William Wyngefeld, knights, Robert Rykedone¹ and Roger Keterych of his manors of Stansted, Messing (*Messyngge*), and Langford (*Langeford*) in the county of Essex (*Dessex*), and of all other manors, lands, &c., which he had in the counties of Essex and Suffolk except those held of the king in chief as of his crown or of the honor of Gloucester, he has now released and for himself and his heirs quitclaimed the aforesaid manors, &c., to the said bishop and others above named. Warranty and sealing clauses. 6 May 1380.

SEAL: round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, a cross engrailed between four water bougets. On a helmet with short mantling crest, a man's head in profile, crowned and surmounted by a pointed hat with two knobs on the point. On either side of the helmet and crest an eagle rising. [**Sigillū : domini**] : **Johannis : de bourgcher . :** BM 7663, and cf. 7662

For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 247.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Bond of Margaret countess of Shrewsbury (*Salop'*) to Henry Skenard, esquire, in the sum of £160 payable at Christmas next after the date thereof. 19 Dec. 1456.

'The condicion of this obligacion is this that the above written countesse saue and keepe harmles the aboue written Harry ayenst Richd Neuille Erl' of Warrewyk and Anne his wiff her heires and executours

¹ *Rikedone* BS.

of the summe of viii li. the whiche the said Harry hath delyuered to the forseid Countesse of the money that the seid Harry hath receyued of the lyuelode of the Erldome of Warrewyk the whiche we the seid Countesse and oure coparcioners claymen' to be departed as our enheritances that then the said obligation' shall be voide and of no strength' and elles to stonde and abide in his strength' force and vertue.'

SEAL¹ on strip cut half-way across document, riband below cut off: round, c. 2¾ in.; red; broken at either side. Rising from a cusped panel a lopped tree-trunk to which are suspended by straps two shields of arms: (i) quarterly, 1, a lion rampant and a bordure [probably Earldom of SHREWSBURY]; 2, a lion rampant and a bordure engrailed [TALBOT]; 3, two lions passant [STRANGE]; 4, a bend between six martlets [FURNIVAL]; impaling, quarterly, 1 and 4, a fess between six crosses crosslet [BEAUCHAMP]; 2 and 3, chequy a chevron ermine [Earl of WARWICK]; (ii) quarterly, 1 and 4, BEAUCHAMP; 2 and 3, Earl of WARWICK; an escutcheon, quarterly, 1 and 4, a chevron between ten crosses paty² [BERKELEY]; 2, a lion passant crowned [LISLE]; 3, a chevron [TEYES]. Legend with beaded borders; ✠ *Sigillū : margarete romitis : warwici*

Margaret, wife of the famous John Talbot, earl of Shrewsbury, was daughter of Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, by his first wife. By his second wife, Richard had a son Henry who succeeded him in the earldom and died leaving an only daughter Anne who died an infant. By his second wife Richard had also a daughter Anne married to Richard Neville, 'the king-maker', earl of Warwick. This Anne countess of Warwick was sole heir of her brother Henry and would take all of which he had died seised, but only coheir with her half-sister Margaret of her father and would take only a moiety of that of which Henry had not had seisin. This may well have given rise to disputes.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 E 35.

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Charter of Maurice de Andely, lord of Cranford (*Craneford*'), giving to Joan his daughter for her homage and service 2 virgates and an acre of land in Irthlingborough (*Vrtligburg*') which William Campiun formerly held of him; and in the same village the following held of him: a messuage by Gilbert Barri; a messuage with one bovat by John son of the reeve; a messuage by John of Warmington; a messuage by Thomas Schadewe; a messuage by Lecia Swalewe; to hold to the said Joan her heirs or assigns with all the arable land which the donor has in that village, of the donor his heirs or assigns, with the homages rents, &c., pertaining to the aforesaid tenement; rendering yearly 60 shillings at the four terms, namely at Michaelmas; at the feast of St. Thomas (the apostle); at Palm Sunday; at the feast of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, 15 shillings each for all service during the donor's life; and after his decease one penny of silver yearly at Michaelmas only to his heirs or assigns for all services and yearly rents, and for all forinsec services, suits, scutages, wardships, reliefs, &c., which can lawfully be exacted by his assigns or heirs: doing in addition for the donor his heirs or assigns to the chief lords of the fee the services due and accustomed. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . domino Reginaldo de Watereuile³ domino Baldewyno de Drayton' militibus domino Symone rectore ecclesie de Trapston' magistro Bartholomeo rectore ecclesie de Adinton'. Rogero de Beumes . Ricardo Trayli Galfrido Trayli . Roberto de Watereville . Henrico filio Simonis de Irtligburg' . Willelmo de Beumes . et aliis.' (1250-72.)

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; uncoloured. Two ladies in long dresses standing, between their heads a shield of arms, a bordure semé of [?] crosses; ✠ *SIGILLUM CII Dñ . DELII*

The seal on the original is now in a worse state.

Maurice de Andely held Cranford St. Andrew, Northants., of the abbot of Peterborough (*Henry of Pytchley's Book of Fees*, NRS, ii. 116 n.: *VCH Northants.* iii. 187). The witness Baldwin of Drayton was

¹ Cf. BM 13848, with pedigree (subject to amendment for the Lisle-Teyes marriage).

² Indistinctly drawn.

³ *Wateruile* BS.

son and heir of Henry of Drayton (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 284); Henry was living 16 May 1250 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1247–58, 65) and dead 17 Oct. 1250 (*Close Rolls*, 1247–51, 336). Maurice, who sided with the barons in the civil war, was living 52 Hen. III, 1267–8 (*Hunter, Rot. Selecti, Rec. Com.* 165), but in 1272 the witness Roger de Beaumes made a benefaction to the hospital at Armston, Northants., one of the conditions being prayers for Maurice's soul, in terms which show him to be dead (*Bridges, Northamptonshire*, ii. 419).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Letters of Thomas duke of Gloucester and Eleanor his wife appointing Hugh Peyntour, chaplain, and William Wobourne their attorneys to receive seisin of an acre of land in the village or manor of Barnston, Ess. (*Berneston*), and of the advowson of the church of the said village from Thomas archbishop of York, Robert bishop of London, Richard earl of Arundel, Thomas earl of Warwick, Thomas de Feriby, clerk, John de Massingham, clerk, and Nicholas Miles, clerk, according to the terms of a certain charter of feoffment of the aforesaid archbishop and the others named above, made to that intent. Sealing clause. Given at 'nostrum castrum de Plecy'. Pleshey: 8 Jan. 1391.

Two SEALS on strips:¹ (i) round, $2\frac{3}{16}$ in.; pink; broken on dexter side. On a tree-trunk with two swans at foot, a couched shield of arms, quarterly FRANCE (ancient) and ENGLAND, within a bordure. On a helmet crest, on a cap of maintenance a lion statant guardant crowned. On either side of the shield all within a cusped panel a shield of arms suspended from a branch, two bendlets; **le : seal : s . . . du : Roy . due de glo[uce]stre [an]gletere**

(ii) Round, $2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; pink; broken at top sinister side. Arising from a boat, a swan chained on prow and stern, and over a rectangle charged with two bendlets between two swans and held by an angel, a lozenge-shaped shield of arms, the duke's arms impaling, a bend cotised between six lioncels [BOHUN]; **. seal : alianore duchesse . gloucestre . countesse de . . . et deffex.**

For a very full account of Thomas of Woodstock, duke of Gloucester and son of Edward III, see *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 719–29: Eleanor, his wife, was the elder daughter and coheir of Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford, Essex, and Northampton.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 A 47.

BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words. Indented.

An indenture witnessing that William Tolymond, 'gentilman', has demised at farm to Maurice Berkley, knight, lord of Beverstone, Gloucs., all his hospice with the adjacent wharf in the parish of St. Peter the less in Thames Street beside Paul's Wharf, London, which Robert Lovel, esquire, deceased, lately held and inhabited, together with sundry furniture (*necessaria*), namely two cupboards (*almariol*), one long table with one pair of trestles (*trestell*), one long stall (*longa stala*), three brazen pots standing in the oven in the kitchen, and one bird-cage (*cagio pro auibus*): to hold to the said Maurice, his executors and assigns, from the Nativity of St. John Baptist last past for the term of 30 years; rendering yearly therefor to William, his heirs and assigns, eleven marks at Christmas and the Nativity of St. John Baptist in equal portions. William, his heirs and assigns, will maintain and repair the hospice and wharf, provided that Maurice, his executors and assigns, shall repair any damage done by his horses and servants. Power to William to enter and distrain if the rent be one month in arrear, and if there be no sufficient distress then to re-enter and possess the tenements demised. Warranty and sealing clauses. London: 12 July 1428.

Endorsed: Reverendo in Xpo Thome permissione divina episcopo de Burgo sancti Petri in comitatu Northt'. (17th century.)

¹ Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 229 and 125 (pl.) for both.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Within a carved panel a couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, a chevron between ten cross crosslets [BERKELEY] and a bordure; 2 and 3, on a saltire five [?] cross crosslets¹ [BEVERSTONE]. On a helmet with mantling, crest, a mitre. Supporters, two mermaids . . . *mauricii de berkeley militis et bettefttho . .* BM 7388

Maurice de Berkeley represented a younger branch of the family. By a fine of 28 Edw. III (1354–5) Thomas lord Berkeley settled Beverstone on himself and his second wife, Katherine, with remainder to the heirs of their bodies; their son was Sir John de Berkeley, who was the father of this Maurice (*The Berkeley MSS.*, Bristol and Glouc. Arch. Soc. iii. 100).

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 I 36.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of Thomas of Poynings, Lord St. John, confirming to the prior and convent of the Blessed Mary of Boxgrove all the alms, foundations, gifts, grants, and exchanges made by Robert de [la] Hay, William de St. John, Robert de St. John, and his other predecessors lords St. John; to hold to the aforesaid prior and convent as free, pure, and perpetual alms, as may appear from inspection of the charters of his predecessors or from any other charter; without any further claim by the grantor or his heirs beyond what the aforesaid charters witness. He releases them from all burdens, charges, and claims on his part or that of his heirs, and also all right and claim that two monks should celebrate divine service in the chapel of Halnaker, notwithstanding any grant or long possession or custom. Warranty and sealing clauses. Halnaker (*Halnaked*): 15 Aug. 1425.

Endorsed: Dominus de Sancto Johanne de confirmacione de Boxgrauē. (*Contemporary*.)

SEAL² on tag: round, $2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Within a panel with scrolled and floriated edges in which there is the letter *p* five times in the background a couched shield of arms, on a chief two pierced mullets of six points. On a helmet with lambrequin crest, issuing from a coronet an eagle with wings displayed. No legend.

The grantor was the son and heir of Luke de Poynings by Isabel, sister and coheir of Edmund de St. John, which Isabel became sole heir on the death of her elder sister (*CP*, 2nd ed. xi. 293–4), thus inheriting the honor of Halnaker, Suss. The priory of Boxgrove was founded early in the 12th century by Robert de la Hay, lord of Halnaker, whose representative the grantor became through the St. Johns.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 D 15.

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Inspeximus by Roger Bertram, lord of Mitford, of a charter of Agnes daughter of Thomas fitzWilliam, late lord of Woodhall, giving to Thomas son of Thomas of Carlisle (*Carleolo*), burgess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the whole village of Swarland with the park and with all other appurtenances together with the homages and services of William son of William the cook, Richard son of Richard the forester, master Gilbert the physician, Ralf the forester, and all other free tenants and their heirs of the same village by the following bounds; namely, starting from a certain stream in the eastern part of the field of Swarland called Botildespole and ascending westwards to Swarlandebrig and so westwards to the hedge of the assart of Swarland and so westwards along the same hedge to Litaccloche as far as Harpethburn' and thence ascending along the same burn to the bridge of Swarland and so ascending northwards along the same

¹ Or perhaps intended for estoiles or mullets.

² BM 12791: legend given . . . *thom u . . . t . . .*

burn to where Gibbescloch falls into Harpethburn' and so ascending eastwards along Gibbescloch which is the boundary between the field of Ouerbares' and the field of Swarland until one comes to the hedge between the moor and the field of Swarland and so along the same hedge southwards to the entrance of Swarland and so from the same entrance along the same hedge eastwards to the head of Haitildesden' and so by the same 'dene' descending southwards until one comes to Botildespole: To hold to Thomas and his heirs or to whomsoever he may give, bequeath, sell, or assign, whether men of religion or others of the grantor, her heirs or assigns, in fee with all appurtenances, &c., as freely as Roger Bertram held the said village, with free chase to him and the heirs of his body only within the aforesaid bounds, namely from the northern part of Harpetheburn': Rendering therefor yearly to the grantor, her heirs or assigns, one penny or one pound of cumin for all earthly service intrinsec or forinsec, &c., so that the heirs of Thomas or of his assigns never be in the wardship or marriage of the grantor, her heirs or assigns, but forthwith after the death of the predecessors they shall have free entry into the village of Swarland and its appurtenances for whomsoever shall be of age, giving for relief 12 pence only. She also grants that Thomas, his heirs and assigns, shall have pannage outside the enclosure (*defensum*) and nuts and hens of his men of the village Swarland: and that Thomas his heirs and assigns as also their men of Swarland shall have livery of the woods north of the Coquet for 'huseboth' and 'hayboth' for building, fencing, and firewood and all other estovers as the other tenants of Feltonshire (*Feltoneschir*) by the view of the foresters: so too it shall be lawful for Thomas, his heirs and assigns, to erect mills and make ponds wherever they may see fit within the said bounds. She also grants them common of herbage in the wood of Roger Bertram called 'le defens' for all livestock of their demesne except goats and sheep and likewise to all the tenants of Thomas, his heirs and assigns, both free and serf, at the will of the said Thomas, &c.; saving always to Roger and his heirs the pannage of the swine of the demesne of Thomas, his heirs and assigns, and of their tenants both free and serf. Within the enclosure (*defensum*) in the aforesaid wood Roger and his heirs may make their profit both from herbage and soil as also from hunting and sale of wood, so that they leave sufficient pasture (limited as above) to Thomas, &c., and the tenants; and neither the aforesaid Roger, his heirs or assigns, shall enfeof any one of the village of Swarland of herbage of the aforesaid wood nor allow them to have entry without the consent of Thomas, his heirs or assigns. Warranty against all men, both Jew and Christian. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Dominis Nicholao tunc priore de Brinkeburn' Gwychard' de Charron tunc vicecomite Northumbr' . Johanne de Plasset' Johanne de Hawelton' Thoma de Fenwick' . Rogero Mauduth Gerard de Wodrington' militibus Johanne de Wodrington' . Rogero fratre suo . Johanne de Lythegraynes Thoma de Cliuedon' . Hugone le Vygrus et aliis.' Confirmation by the grantor of the *inspeximus*. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Dominis Nicholao tunc priore de Brinkeburn' . Gwychard de Charron tunc vicecomite North' . Johanne de Plasset' Johanne de Hawelton' Thoma de Fenwyck et aliis antescriptis.' (1267-72.)

No ancient endorsement.

SEAL¹ on plaited cord: round, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, sword, shield and trappings of horse with same arms as on counterseal; ✠ S' ROGERI B'TRAM . DNI . D' MI[D]FORD

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 in.; green. Shield of arms, three cross crosslets and an orle on the outside of which are nine arms of a cross potent; ✠ SIGILLUM ~ : SECRETUM

The grantor of the *inspeximus* was Roger Bertram III of Mitford, and the grantor of the charter inspected and confirmed, his niece, the daughter of Thomas fitzWilliam of Emley and Sprotborough by Agnes daughter of Roger Bertram II and sister of Roger III. An inquisition taken in 1311 shows that Roger III had a daughter Agnes who survived him but died without issue, whereupon Roger III's four sisters became coheirs, of whom Agnes fitzWilliam was the eldest (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* v, No. 294). An accurate account of these Bertrams will be found in *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 161-2. For the fitzWilliams see W. P. Baildon, *Baildon and the Baidons*, i. 366. Woodhall in Darfield parish, Yorks., W.R., was held by Thomas fitzWilliam, but passed to his younger son, Roger. The *Northumberland County History*, vii. 385-6, gives an account

¹ BM 5706, description 'an orle between eleven crosses land and Durham, No. 71 and pl. i, description 'crusilly an orle'; and cf. C. H. Hunter-Blair, *Seals of Northumber-*

of Roger Bertram III's dealings with his lands and cites this *inspeximus*, but it errs in making Agnes the wife of Thomas fitzWilliam Roger III's daughter instead of his sister. The inquisition of 1311, which is the crucial evidence, had not been printed when this volume was compiled. Thomas of Carlisle and also his son and grandson were mayors of Newcastle (*ibid.* vii. 389). Guichard de Charron was sheriff from Nov. 1267 to Nov. 1272. 'Ouergares' is Overgrass in Swarland and the wood called 'Le defens' appears to be that now known as Swarlandfence. The original charter and the *inspeximus* must have passed at the same time, which can be explained by the fact that as certain provisions of the former are expressly binding on Roger it was probably desired to show beyond doubt that he consented to them.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words.

Mentioned: Baker, *History of Northamptonshire*, ii. 108, as from 'Hatton Portfolio of Deeds' (no number given).

An indenture witnessing that Anne, queen of England and France and lady of Ireland, has granted and leased at farm to Matthew Swetenham and [blank] the manor of Weedon Lois, Northants. (*Wedon' Pynkeny*), with its appurtenances, except the fees, advowsons, wardships, marriages, reliefs, heriots, and escheats of all the free tenants of the manor, to hold with all profits as John Porter and Adam Selby the last farmers held it; from the Michaelmas next after the date of these presents for the term of 10 years, rendering yearly into the Receipt of the queen at London 28 marks sterling by equal portions at the two accustomed terms, namely, the Annunciation and the Nativity of Our Lady, and bearing at their own cost all other charges pertaining to the said manor and its appurtenances during their term, both repairs of houses, walls, and enclosures as also any other charges, except that they ought to have from the queen the necessary timber (*moryn*) and this by the view of the queen's seneschal or surveyor. At the end of their term they shall leave the said manor and houses with their appurtenances in as good condition or better than at their first entry. They shall not during their term permit any waste in the said manor nor in the woods or other things pertaining to the manor.

The said Matthew and [blank] grant that if the said farm be either in whole or in part 20 days in arrear after any of the aforesaid term days, it shall be lawful for the queen to distrain on the said manor or any parcel thereof or on any other lands and tenements of the said Matthew and [blank], and to take and retain such part of the distress as she shall see fit so that full satisfaction be made for the said farm and its arrears: and if the said farm be four weeks in arrear the said Matthew and [blank] bind themselves their heirs and executors to pay to the queen double for the term so in arrear, and so for each term so often as they shall be in default; and equally it shall be lawful for the queen to re-enter and hold the said manor and thereafter deal with it as she please. It is agreed that they shall not cut or fell any of the wood except by the queen's licence and warrant. Sealing clause. London: 15 July 1391.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; red; broken at bottom and dexter side. Surmounted by a crown and within a carved panel a shield of arms, FRANCE (ancient) quartering ENGLAND, impaling GERMANY (ancient) quartering BOHEMIA; [S] : anne : regine : francie [: et : anglie : et : dñe : hybernie :] Cf. BM 804

The name of the second farmer has been left in blank throughout, and there is therefore no evidence as to him; in the event it may have been a venture of Swetenham alone. Matthew Swetenham was a yeoman of the chamber and occurs on the rolls as holding various offices including the constableness of Northampton castle which he surrendered in 1391 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls, Richard II*, v. 325, 425). 'Moryn' is a corrupt form of the Old French *mairain*, *marrien*, Latin *maremium*, meaning building timber.

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Agreement settling a dispute between Rannulf earl of Chester and William de Fougères as to the marriage portion of Clemence, wife of the earl and great-niece of William. Also an agreement between William de Fougères and Geoffrey his great-nephew. 15 Oct. 1200

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 52 A 15.

BS FACSIMILE, first 20 words.

PRINTED: Berhaud and Broussillon, *La Maison de Laval*, v. 12, from the original; Ormerod, *History of Cheshire*, 2nd ed. i. 39, 'ex originali penes Simon Dewes militem et baronettum: notato EE num. 12: anno 1649'.

WAHFWGOGRO¹ (cut through in a straight line)

Sciunt omnes ad quos presentes littere peruenerint quod contentio quæ fuit inter R. comitem Cestrie et Willelmum de Filgeriis super maritagio Clemencie de Filgeriis uxoris predicti comitis et proneptis predicti Willelmi hoc modo pacificata est . scilicet quod predictus Willelmus reddidit Gaufrido de Filgeriis pronepoti suo ad dandum in maritagio cum Clemencia sorore sua predicto comiti ⁊ totam terram quam Radulfus de Filgeriis habuit in ualle Moretonii . et sic de ea seisisus fuit anno et die quo eam dedit Alano de Dinan in maritagio cum predicta Clemencia . excepto dominio abbacie Sauingneii et exceptis lx solidis Andegauensium quos idem Radulfus dedit Aeline nepti sue que est monialis apud Moret' habendos quamdiu ipsa uixerit per manum seruientis de Romeingneio . et post decessum ipsius monialis ⁊ reuertentur predicte Clemencie et heredibus suis. Et preterea dabit predictus Willelmus predicto comiti centum libras Andegauensium annuatim a Natali domini quod est anno uerbi incarnati millesimo ducentesimo primo usque ad quinque annos . in natiuitate sancti Johannis Baptiste soluendas. Preterea concessit predictus Willelmus predicto comiti unum maritagium in denariis par taillie de Augusto . habendum per totam terram *Filgeriarum* . excepta uilla *Filgeriarum* . que combusta erat. Inter predictum uero Willelmum de Filgeriis et Gaufridum pronepotem suum hec est conuentio per consilium amicorum eiusdem Gaufridi facta . uidelicet quod predictus Willelmus totam terram de Filgeriis sicut Radulfus de Filgeriis eam illi commisit fideliter custodiendam tenebit á predicto Natali usque in quinque annos. Et si quis ei super hoc contraire aut eum uexare uoluerit ⁊ predictus comes et Willelmus de Humetis et alii amici Gaufridi et homines terre *Filgeriarum* qui hanc conuentionem fideliter tenendam iurauerunt ⁊ predicto Willelmo erunt auxiliantes et consulentes pro posse suo. Completis autem quinque annis predictis prefatus Willelmus reddet predicto Gaufrido pronepoti suo totam terram *Filgeriarum* sine contradictione sicut Radulfus de Filgeriis eam illi commisit custodiendam fideliter. Quam cum reddiderit ⁊ idem Gaufridus quando á predicto Willelmo requisitus fuerit de iure suo terre *Filgeriarum* per consilium amicorum utriusque partis et hominum terre *Filgeriarum* illi faciet quod facere debebit. Et si per consilium amicorum suorum et hominum terre inter se concordari non poterint ⁊ per iudicium

¹ Omitted BS.

curie domini Britannie sine dilatione illi faciet quod facere debebit. Et si alteruter illorum contra hoc uenire uoluerit ⁊ tam homines terre *Fulgeriarum* quam amici utriusque partis auxiliantes erunt illi qui hanc conuentionem tenere uoluerit . et nocentes ei qui eam tenere recusauerit. Si autem contigerit Clemenciam uxorem predicti comitis Cestrie decedere infra quinque annos predictos ⁊ ipse comes dicto Willelmo de Filgeriis terram de Valle Moretonii quiete reddet si de predicta Clemencia heredem non habuerit. Et si Gaufridus de Filgeriis infra predictos quinque annos decesserit ⁊ idem Willelmus terram *Filgeriarum* integre et sine contradictione aliqua . et absque termino Clemencie et [sponse ei]us reddet . et ipsa Clemencia et sponsus eius tenebunt predicto Willelmo conuentionem quam Gaufridus de Filgeriis et amici sui ei tenere debeant amplius Willelmus dibus quoscunque posuerit in castello *Filgeriarum* infra quinque annos iurare faciet quod si ipsum in fata quiescere contigerit ⁊ ipsi nt Gaufrido de Filgeriis uel predictae Clemencie sorori sue si ipsa ei superstes fuerit. Et in hac conuentione remanserunt maneria in Anglia . scilicet Tuiford et Westkinton¹ que Radulfus de Filgeriis frater eius illi dedit pro homagio suo et ser[ui]cio]adulfi legitime testantur . et insuper eidem Willelmo remanet manerium de Belington² quod fuit maritagium contingit iure hereditario ex parte matris sue. Has conuentiones fecit³ Willelmus de Filgeriis ad scaccarium apud [Cestrie et] Clemencia uxore eius et cum Willelmo de Humetis quem idem comes et Clemencia uxor sua loco suo assignauerant super hoc ageret ratum habituri . in presencia Samsonis abbatis Cadomi . et Hugonis de Chaucumb . et Guicerii (?)³ de Mota . et decani sancti Juliani tunc iusticiariorum domini regis. Has conuentiones tam predictus comes Cestrie quam Willelmus de Filgeriis. Et ex parte comitis iurauerunt isti . Hugo de Praer⁴ . Petrus de Sancto Hilario . Petro Roaud⁵ . Ex parte Willelmi de Filgeriis iuraue[r]unt ual . Herueius de Vitreio . Gaufridus de Sancto Bricio . Willelmus de Sancto Bricio . et hoc ipsum iu R[icardus] de Fontenai . ut autem hec conuentiones firme et inconcusse permaneant [impressionem sigill]orum comitis Cestrie [et D]onest⁴ Normannie . et Willelmi de Filgeriis et Alani filii comitis et Guidonis de Laual confirmate. Actum est autem hoc nonis Octobris anno incarnationis Domini M^oCC^o.

Endorsed: 'EE n° 12'. (A modern hand.)

Three SEALS on green and white cords:⁵

(i) round, 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.; brown. Equestrian, round-topped helmet, sword, round shield with spikes; ✠ SIGILL GIDONIS : IVNI[ORIS : DE LAVAL].

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 in.; brown. A bull walking to the sinister; GIT ANTE : SIGILL.

(ii) brown; fragment. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield; no legend.

¹ Wetskinton BS.

² fecerit BS.

³ Ginterii BS.

⁴ Sic for Conest; i.e. William du Hommet, constable of

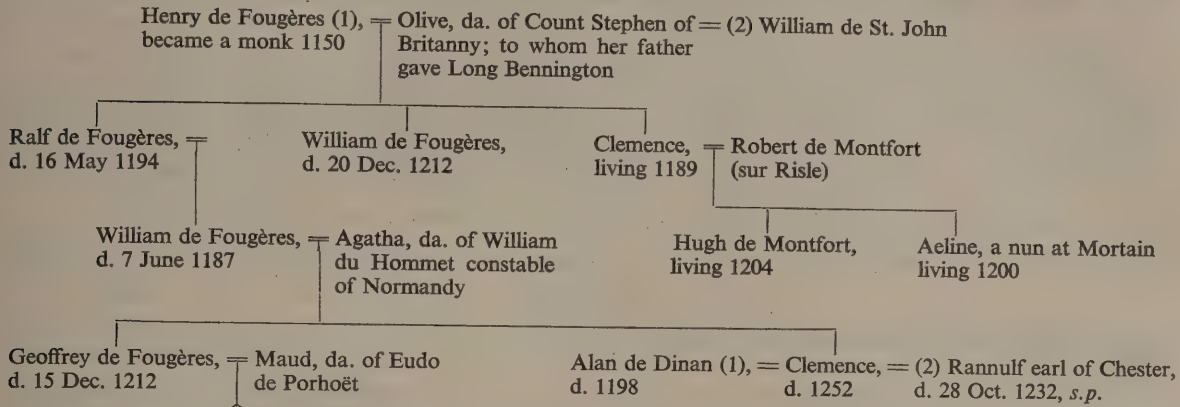
Normandy.

⁵ BM 6178, 9701; only (i) and (iii) now remain, the former being the seal of Guy de Laval the younger; cf. 6180 with legend.

(iii) round, $2\frac{3}{8}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a bend; field diapered with sprigs; a star on either side of the shield; ✠ SIGI WILLI . DE FUGERIS

The original is imperfect, the left-hand side of the lower portion having perished. It was in much the same condition when the copy in the *Book of Seals* was made; the few words which can be recovered from the latter are enclosed in square brackets.

The purport of this somewhat complicated agreement is shown by the following pedigree.



This agreement failed to effect a final settlement of the disputes between William de Fougères and Geoffrey, for a further agreement was made in July 1204 (Morice, *Hist. de Bretagne*, 'Preuves', i, col. 798), and as late as 1208 Philip Augustus ratified a later agreement (ibid. i, col. 810). It will be noted that the annual payments of £100 to the earl of Chester are to run from Christmas 1201 and that the first payment was to be made at midsummer; also that William was to hold the land of Fougères for five years from Christmas 1201. It seems unlikely that the time thus specified in the agreement should run from a date more than a year later than its execution, or that the first payment to the earl should be postponed for more than twenty months; consequently the parties must, like so many contemporary chroniclers, have been considering the year to begin on Christmas Day. The charter of Geoffrey de Fougères giving the lands in marriage to his sister as provided in this agreement is printed in Ormerod, *History of Cheshire*, 2nd ed. i. 39. Since Geoffrey failed to keep his agreement William du Hommet gave the earl land in Normandy (PRO Ancient Deeds LS (DL 27) No. 26).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Reginald son of Peter giving to Amicia daughter of Nicholas de Hocham a messuage and all that land with its appurtenances and easements which he had of the gift and sale of Bartholomew de Planta in the village of Eyse; to hold in fee and inheritance of the donor, his heirs and assigns, rendering therefor yearly to the chief lords of the fee the rents and services due and accustomed, and to the donor and his heirs a clove (*clauum gariophili*) at Michaelmas for all services. Warranty, against all men and women, and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Roberto de Ymmere milite . Johanne de Maners . Waltero de Derneford . Johanne Pelerim . Iohanne de Fretmantel . Gregorio Heyron . Iohanne de Langepole . Ricardo de la Puicte . Henrico de la Dene . Giliberto Baston . Waltero Beaupel . Ricard le Mey . et multis aliis.' (1248-86.)

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{3}{16}$ in.; blue-green. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield; S' REGINALDI FILII HERBERTI

COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; blue-green. On a hatched background a shield of arms, three lions rampant; ✠ S. REGINALDI FILII PETRI

The grantor, Reginald son of Peter son of Herbert, was the descendant in the male line from Herbert the chamberlain of Henry I who died *circa* 1129. Herbert's son, another Herbert, died before 1154. Herbert the chamberlain's grandson, Herbert, married Lucy, daughter and eventually coheir of Miles earl of Hereford. He died 1203-4 and was the grandfather of Reginald, the grantor. Reginald succeeded his elder brother, Herbert, who died without issue in 1248 and himself died in 1286 (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 465). Reginald's son John was summoned to the Parliaments of 1299 and 1307 by writ 'whereby he is held to have become Lord Fitzreynold' (*ibid.* 466).

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Charter of Robert of Braybrooke quitclaiming to Pipewell abbey, Northants., a yearly rent of 5 shillings for land in Elkington, Northants., due to him from the monks, and also a curtilage in Braybrooke, Northants., as to which there was a dispute between him and the monks. Northampton; on a day of the county court.
(1183-4)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 B 3.

BS FACSIMILE, first 5 words.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus Robertus de Braibroc salutem. Notum sit omnibus vobis me concessisse et de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum quietum clamasse deo et abbacie sancte Marie de Pipwell' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . quinque solidos annui redditus . illos scilicet quos michi reddere solebant annuatim ad Pascha ex assignacione et attornacione . Roberti Rote de Hcton' pro terra et tenemento que dicti monachi habent de feodo suo in territorio de Eltindon' tam intra uillam quam extra. Et similiter de quodam curtilagio in Braibroc . unde contentio fuit inter me et predictos monachos clamaui eos de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum quietos. His uero de causis predicti monachi dederunt michi sex marcas argenti. Hiis testibus . Radulfo Morin . vicecomite Norh' . Willelmo de Pluntun' . Simone Basset . Philippo de Dauentre . Henrico de Chukenho . Ricardo de Westun' . Reginaldo de Hackeleia . Rogero de Braibroc . Simone de Lotintun' . Rogero de Cranesleia . Simone de Horlinberia . Radulfo capellano meo . In quorum omnium presencia presentem cartam sigillaui apud Norh' in die comitatus ibidem.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Equestrian, conical helmet, long surcoat, sword, shield with pointed boss;
✠ SIGILLVM : ROBERTI : FILII . INGEBALDI

BM 5976

Ralf Morin was deputy sheriff of Northamptonshire for the year ending Michaelmas 1184. For the grantor and his family see *BHRS* xiii. 323-4. Described as *homo austerus et cupidus valde*, he acquired much property by purchase and by redeeming lands pledged to the Jews (*ibid.* 360 et seq.).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of Thomas son of Hugh de Capes of Preston, Northants., giving to Richard le Curteys of Everdon, for his service and for a mark of silver, 12 pence of yearly rent, which Hugh the donor's father had of the

gift of Robert son of Ranulf of Everdon, to hold to Richard his heirs and assigns from the tenement which John le Curteis bought in the village and fields of Everdon, Northants., from the said Robert, with heriots, wardships, reliefs, homages, and all manner of services. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus. Ricardo molendinario de Euerd'. Henrico clerico de eadem. Nicholas le Yeune de eadem Johanne Hylberd de Preston'. Hugone West de eadem. Roberto Pachet de eadem. Hiuuone de Preston et aliis.' Preston Capes: 10 Aug. 1296.

SEAL on tag: shield-shaped, straight at top curved at bottom, $\frac{13}{16} \times \frac{15}{16}$ in.; blue-green. Shield of arms, a cross two ermine spots in first quarter; * **S' THOME DE CAPES**

It would appear that Robert son of Ralf granted a rent of 12*d.* charged on his tenement at Everdon to Hugh de Capes and subsequently sold the tenement, subject to the rent-charge, to John le Curteys. Richard le Curteys, no doubt the heir of John, now redeems the rent. Hugh de Capes died in 1256, his son and heir Thomas being then aged 15 years (*Cal. Inq. p.m. Hen. III*, No. 360).

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 41.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words. See *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1266-72), 231.

Letters patent of Henry III granting at the request of master Thomas de Wymundham, the treasurer, a pardon to Thomas de Capes for all his trespasses and excesses on the occasion of the late disturbances in the realm. Westminster: 25 May 1268.

No seal is shown but small portion on green and red silk cords showing the centre of the great seal, obv. and rev., on original.

BM 124

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 C 14.

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Charter of John de Vere, earl of Oxford, giving to James Arblaster¹ and John Power the demesnes and manors of Lavenham and Preston, Suff.; of Langdon, Ess.; of Chesham and Aston Sandford, Bucks.; of Chipping Norton, Oxon.; of Great Abington (*Abyndon*) and Swaffham Bulbeck (*Swafham*), Cambs.; to hold to them and their heirs of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed. He appoints Robert Skerne his attorney to deliver seisin. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Henrico comite Essex Thoma Tyrell Thoma Montgomery militibus et multis aliis.' 1 July 1466.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red; imperfect. Couched shield of arms, quarterly a mullet in the first quarter. On a helmet with mantling crest, on a cap of maintenance a boar passant to the dexter. Supporters, two antelopes collared and chained; **de heer : comitis :**

BM 14123

For John de Vere, 13th earl of Oxford, see *CP*, 2nd ed. x. 239-44.

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Letters patent of Elizabeth de Burgh, lady of Clare, setting out her rights as patron of Anglesey priory, Cambs., during a vacancy. Anglesey: 25 Sept. 1333

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 47 E 38.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 395, first lines and dating clause only, 'ex autographo in officio armorum'.

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod nos Elizabeth de Burgo domina de Clare soror et una heredum celebris memorie domini Gilberti de Clare nuper comitis Glouc' et

¹ *Arblestee* BS.

Hertford' ad dilucidacionem iuris patronatus quod habemus in monasterio prioratus de Angleseye cum ipsum vacare contigerit . pro nobis et heredibus nostris sub scriptam formam concedimus canonicis eiusdem monasterii et eorum successoribus imperpetuum obseruanda confirmamus videlicet quod quocienscunque supradictum monasterium per mortem vel cessionem vacare contigerit : quod canonici dicti monasterii ad nos si in regno Anglie fuerimus vel ad senescallum nostrum de Clare qui pro tempore fuerit si extra regnum fuerimus : debeant unum canonicum dicti monasterii et per eundem vacationem monasterii predicti denunciare et licentiam eligendi priorem de gremio suo vel aliunde petere . qua licentia petita . libere possint procedere ad electionem . electione vero facta electum suum nobis et heredibus nostris tanquam patrono presentare et consensum nostrum requirere. Concedimus autem dictis canonicis et eorum successoribus quod nec nos nec aliquis heredum seu successorum nostrorum vel nomine nostro ratione patronatus quem habemus in eorum monasterio possit aliquam destructionem facere in eodem monasterio tempore vacationis sue vendendo largiendo distrahendo bona eorum aut mutando aliqua quorum mutacio ad dampnum eiusdem monasterii esse possit comprobari. Et ut nulla occasio detraccionis vel destructionis fiat volumus et eisdem canonicis concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris ut in tempore vacationis quamdiu monasterium suum vacare contigerit : non habeamus nec aliquis successorum nostrorum nisi tantum unum hominem qui propter recognitionem iuris patronatus nostri seu successorum nostrorum capiat simplicem seysinam qui nullam faciat destructionem pro ut superius dictum est. Qui cum seysinam predictam in forma predicta ceperit : tradat et committat suppriori dicti prioratus aut eiusdem locum tenenti et aliis officiariorum sanioribus predictae domus omnia bona eorundem ad saluandum et ad utilitatem monasterii sui predicti custodiendum constituendo etiam quendam garcionem qui custodiat portas dicti prioratus loco janitoris comedendo et bibendo in refectorio dictorum canonicorum ad mensam fratrum conuersorum durante tempore vacationis quousque eisdem de priore et pastore fuerit prouisum. Hanc igitur formam supradictam et libertatem concedimus dictis canonicis et ecclesie sue contra quam nolumus quod nos aut aliquis heredum seu successorum nostrorum vel nomine nostro aliquid in preiudicium sepedicti monasterii attentet vel faciat. Et ut hic nostra concessio et confirmacio plenum teneat robur et effectum inperpetuum : sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Cantebrig' domino Alexandro de Walsham domino Johanne de Wauton' domino Waltero Trayly militibus : domino Thoma de Chedworth magistro Willelmo de Brampton' Johanne de¹ Engayn' de Theuersham Willelmo Muchet de Fenditton' et aliis. Datum apud Angleseye die mercurii proxima post festum sancti Mathei apostoli et ewangeliste . anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo tercio et anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu septimo.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: same as to No. 74, but not so well drawn. Some details are omitted.

¹ Sic.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 E 47.

BS FACSIMILE, first 20 words. Indented. French.

Indenture made 1 Jan. 13 Hen. VI (1435) between Richard duke of York, earl of March and of Ulster (*Ouluestre*), lord of Wigmore and of Clare, of the one part and William, Lord Botreaux (*sire de Botreaux*), of the other; witnessing that the duke has given to Lord Botreaux for life the custody of the forests of Exmoor and Neroche, Som. (*Racche*), to perform by himself or his sufficient deputies for whom he shall answer. The Lord Botreaux shall take yearly all the revenues, services, and other perquisites anciently belonging to the said offices and shall pay yearly to the duke and his heirs at Michaelmas £40 sterling; if the whole or part of that sum be one month in arrear he covenants to pay to the duke 100 shillings sterling in addition to the said £40. Payments shall be made to the duke's receiver of lands for the county of Somerset or to such other person who may have the duke's sufficient authority. The Lord Botreaux further covenants well and diligently to perform the said offices, and in particular to indemnify the duke and his heirs against all demands by the king in respect of destruction or waste due to his default. Sealing clause. 1 Jan. 1435.

No endorsement.

SEAL¹ on strip cut a third of the way across document, riband below cut off: round, 1½ in.; pink. Couched shield of arms, a griffin segreant. On a helmet crest, on a cap of maintenance a griffin. A buttress on either side of shield and crest, background with sprigs of foliage; ~~S~~. William botreaux.

Richard duke of York was the father of Edward IV. For William de Botreaux, Lord Botreaux, see *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 242.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. French.

Bond of William son of the earl of Warenne, knight, undertaking to pay John de Rodes, knight, lord of Englemoutier, £150 Paris, which he has promised to pay on behalf of William on St. Remigius' day next coming (13 Jan. 1286) to John 'le neuue', burgess of Lille. In the event of William's failing to pay, John, or the holder of this bond, may bring an action against him in any court to recover the amount named, with costs up to £25. Sealing clause. Feb. 1285.

SEAL on tag: round, 1⅜ in.; green. Within a floriated quatrefoil a shield of arms, checky a label of five points; no legend.

William son and heir of John de Warenne, earl of Surrey, was born 15 Jan. 1256, knighted 1285, and in Dec. 1286 was accidentally killed at a tournament at Croydon in his father's lifetime. His father died in 1304 and was succeeded by his grandson, son of the William of this bond (see *D.N.B.* lix. 368 and J. W. Clay, *Extinct and dormant Peerages of the Northern Counties*, 237).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words. Indented.

Charter of George Burneby and Eustace his son giving to Richard Knightley, esquire, and Elizabeth his wife a messuage and half a virgate in Staverton, Northants., formerly belonging to John Andrewe, which the donors lately had of the gift and feoffment of the said Richard as appears from his charter; to hold to Richard and Elizabeth and the heirs of their bodies of the chief lords of the fee by the service due and accustomed; if Richard and Elizabeth die without an heir of their bodies remainder to George and Eustace, their heirs and assigns. Rendering yearly to George and Eustace 10 shillings of silver at Michaelmas and Easter in equal portions. Power to enter and distrain if the rent be 15 days in arrear: if the

¹ BM 7649, now less perfect.

rent be a quarter in arrear and there be no sufficient distress power to re-enter and possess the tenements. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Henrico Budde de Stauerton' . Thoma Iue de Welton Thoma Crosse de Stauerton' . Willelmo Longe de eadem Willelmo Iue de eadem et aliis.' Staverton: 10 Aug. 1427.

Two SEALS on tags: (i) round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; pink. Within a panel a shield of arms suspended from a tree, two bars in chief a lion passant guardant; : **Sigillum burneby**

(ii) Round, $1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; pink. Couched shield of arms, same arms and a label of three points. On a helmet with mantling crest, issuing from a coronet a demi-lion guardant : **Custex : Burneby**

In 1428 both Richard Knightley and George Burneby held land in Staverton (*FA* iv. 37). Richard Knightley was the purchaser of Fawsley, where the family continued until the 20th century.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 E 22.

BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words.

Charter of John la Warr, knight, Lord la Warr, and Elizabeth his wife confirming to Roger Gayton parson of Wath, John Wolde parson of Claypole, Thomas of Boston parson of Folkingham, Walter Colville (*Coluye*) of Swinstead (*Swynsted*), William of Boston of Newton, Robert Arnald of Swafeld, Thomas Ingham of Corby, Richard Graunger, chaplain, Richard Wolmer, John Overton, and Richard Charles their manors of Doubledyke (*Doubildik*) in Gosberton (*Gosberkirk*) and Hainton and all messuages, lands, and tenements, &c., and the services both of freemen and of serfs (*natiuorum*) with their bodies and issues in the villages of Boston (*Sancto Botulpho*), Gosberton, Quadring, Donnington, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Kingthorpe, and Skegness (*Skekenes*), Lincs.: and also a moiety of the manor and a moiety of the advowson of the church of Molesworth, Hunts. (*Mullesworth*): and also the manors of Great Harrowden (*Harwedon*), Little Harrowden, Finedon (*Thyngdon*), and Nortoft and all lands and tenements, &c., in the villages of Irthlingborough, Stoke Bruern, Shutlanger (*Shelthangre*), Alderton, Little Harrowden, Finedon, and Nortoft, except the reversion of that manor in Great Harrowden which Matilda Coe holds: To hold to the aforesaid Roger (and the other feoffees named above), their heirs and assigns of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Andrea Loutrel milite Roberto Pedwardyn milite Willelmo Thirnyng Waltero Pedwardyn Willelmo Gerneys et aliis.' Grims-
thorpe, Lincs.: 13 Apr. 1393.

No endorsement.

Two SEALS on tags: (i) round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; pink. Over and suspended from a tree a shield of arms, semé of cross crosslets fitchy a lion rampant; on either side of the shield a lion rampant, regardant, wearing a helmet with plumes; : **Sigillū ohis : la Warre**

(ii) round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ in.; pink. Over and suspended from a tree and within a quatrefoil panel a shield of arms, the same impaling, a chief indented [NEVILLE of Grimsthorpe]; on either side of the shield a talbot sejant, regardant; : **Sigillū elizabet : . . a : Warre**

BM 14282-3

For the grantors and their seals see *CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 147-50.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 48 I 6.

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of Ingelram, lord of Coucy and earl of Bedford, granting to King Edward III and his heirs the reversion of the manors, lands, and tenements which Joan, formerly wife of John of Coupland, holds for the term of her life and which on her decease would revert to the grantor and his heirs. Warranty. 'Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus Willelmo Wynton' cancellario . Iohanne Elien' thesaurario Anglie episcopis Leonello Clarenc' Iohanne Lancast' ducibus Edmundo comite Cantabr' Ricardo comite Arundell' Edwardo le Despenser domino de Glamorgan Bartholomeo de Burgherssh Iohanne de la Lec senescallo

ipsius domini regis et aliis. Dat' in palacio eiusdem regis Westmonasterii.' Westminster: [1 Dec. 1366–12 Jan. 1368; probably shortly before the latter date.]

Endorsed in a contemporary hand: 'Irrotulatur in dorso clausi cancellaria Regis E. tercii mense Nouembris anno regni sui quadragesimo tercio.' (Nov. 1369.)

SEAL¹ on tag: round, 1½ in.; pink. A shield of arms, barry vair [and gules] [COUCY]. On a helmet full face with lambrequin crest, a plume of feathers. Legend on a border surrounding shield and crest, rounded at top and bottom, s : engelrami : counte de bedeford : et dñi : de coucy. On either side carved panelling with four quatrefoils each with a lozenge-shaped shield of arms, a fess [AUSTRIA].

For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 69–70; he married on 27 July 1365 Isabel eldest daughter of Edward III. By letters patent dated 12 Jan. 1368 the king granted to the earl of Bedford and Isabel his wife in tail male the reversion of all the manors, &c., held by Joan late the wife of John of Coupland, which reversion the earl had previously granted to the king (*Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1267–1370*, 46). The present charter is therefore the first step in a post-nuptial settlement. The limits of date are 1 Dec. 1366 when John Barnet was translated to Ely and 12 Jan. 1368 the date of the letters patent, but it is probably not long before the latter.

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Charter of Maelgwn ap Maelgwn ap Rhys granting, with the assent of his wife Agharat and his son Rhys, to the monks of Dore abbey, Heref., free transit through all his land and free sea fishery there and taking the abbey under his protection.
(1231–55)

BS FACSIMILE, first 18 words.

Notum sit omnibus hoc presens scriptum inspecturis quod ego Maelgun' filius Maelgun' filii Resi assensu uxoris mée Agharat et Resi heredis mei pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui monachis de Dora specialibus fratribus et amicis meis et omnibus ad eos pertinentibus liberum transitum ingressum et egressum per totam terram meam cum omni pace et securitate mea et heredum meorum in perpetuum. In super concessi eis pro me et heredibus meis liberam piscariam marinam per totam terram meam ad opus ipsorum absque ulla contradictione vel seculari exactione. Preterea domum ipsam de Dora et omnia loca sua cum omnibus catellis² et rebus eorum suscepimus in specialem proteccionem nostram pro me scilicet et heredibus meis in perpetuum. ne scilicet aliquis eis molestiam inferat de tota terra mea. Immo si aliquis de dominio meo ipsis molestiam inferre presumpserit' ego et heredes mei plenariam inde iustitiam exhibemus. In huius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui.

No seal or tag shown.

The grantor, Maelgwn Fychan, was son of Maelgwn son of Rhys ap Gruffydd, lord of Deheubarth. Maelgwn the father died at the beginning of 1231 (J. E. Lloyd, *Hist. of Wales*, 674), while Rhys the grantor's son who here assents died in 1255 (*ibid.* 710). The grantor himself died in 1257 (*ibid.* 710 *n.*). Some charters of the family for Strata Florida, including one of the present grantor, are printed in *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, iv. 382–5.

¹ BM 8998, with *engeram* and *sire* in the legend.

² *Sic.*

249

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 46 E 9.

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words. Indented.

Indenture of Henry de Bisshebury, sheriff of Staffordshire, recites a writ of Edward II dated at Greenhow 29 Aug. 1323 ordering him to cause John son of Thomas de Ferrers to have seisin of a messuage, 20 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow in Great Loxley, Staffs., as the king learns by inquisition taken by the sheriff that William son of Richard le Hore of Frodeswell and Alice his wife, who were outlawed for felony, held the premises of the said John, and that Robert le Hunte has had the king's year, day, and waste and ought to answer to the king for the same. Pursuant thereto he, the sheriff, has delivered to John full seisin of the tenements which had been taken into the king's hand on 29 Aug. 1322; to hold to John, his heirs and assigns, saving whatever Robert le Hunte, the coroner, has to answer for to the king in respect of the year, day, and waste. Sealed in the presence of 'Thome de Pype Roberti de Dotton militum . Rogeri Hillary Rogeri de Aston et Ricardi de Kyngeston et aliorum'. Stafford: 15 Sept. 1323.

Strip only for seal, riband below.

John son of Thomas de Ferrers was half-brother of the Thomas son of Thomas of No. 223. On Thomas's death without issue in or shortly before 1312 there followed long and complicated litigation between John and his aunt Margaret, wife of Richard de Calewich, who claimed to be the heir of Thomas, the person last seised to whom she was related in the whole blood (*Selden Soc.* xviii. 155 et seq.). John was ultimately successful but died without issue in 1326-7, when Loxley passed to his sister and heir, Joan wife of John de Kynnersley. The family of Kynnersley of Loxley continued in the male line till 1815. Robert le Hunte, the coroner, who had the king's year and day is no doubt identical with Robert le Veneur of No. 223. The king's writ here recited is entered on the Close Roll (*Cal. Close Rolls, Edw. II*, iv. 20).

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 C 12.

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Letters of Ralf de Neville, lord of Raby, reciting that Henry son of Hugh lord of Ravensworth (*Rauenswath*) demised to Henry his son the manors of Dent (*Dent in Lonesdale*) and Fremington (*Fremyngton in Swaldale*) together with tenements in Dent and Sedbergh (*Sadbery in Lonesdale*) and also the reversion of all the lands and tenements which Joan, formerly wife of Hugh son of Henry son of Hugh of Ravensworth, holds for life of inheritance and by the demise of the aforesaid Henry son of Hugh in Patrick Brompton (*Patribromptona*), East Chevington (*Estcheuyngton*), Pynmore, Longhirst, Morwick, and Reaveley (*Reuelay*), to hold to the said Henry for the term of 3 years; and afterwards by another writing granted that the aforesaid manors, lands, tenements, and reversion should remain after the said term of 3 years to him, Ralf, for the term of 6 years, pursuant to which grant Henry son of Henry attorned to Ralf; and afterwards the said Henry son of Hugh by his charter granted that the said lands, &c., after the death of the aforesaid Joan and after the said terms should remain to Hugh son of Henry son of Henry son of Hugh and Isabel his wife to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies. Ralf therefore has attorned to the aforesaid Hugh and Isabel according to the form of the grant aforesaid. Sealing clause. Raby: 21 May 1348.

Endorsed: Lettres de attornement Mons' de Neuill' fait a Hug' fiz Henr' e a Isabel . . femme. (14th century.)

SEAL on strip cut half-way across document: round, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Within a cusped and pointed traceried panel a couched shield of arms, a saltire. On a helmet with mantling crest, a bull's head. On the dexter a hand holding a pennon with Neville saltire. * SIGILLUM : RADVLPHI : DE : NEVILLE

BM 12134; cf. 12132

Of the places here dealt with the first four are in Yorkshire, the last five in Northumberland. For the persons here mentioned see *CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 499 et seq., and v. 417 et seq. These transactions arose out

of the marriage of the Hugh son of Henry (son of Henry son of Hugh) with Ralf de Neville's daughter, Isabel.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. Indented.

Notification that whereas John de St. Amand by his charter has enfeoffed William de Bereford, knight, of his manor of Farthinghoe, Northants. (*Farnyngho*), William grants for himself, his heirs and assigns, that if John, his heirs or assigns, pay £100 sterling to William at his manor of Steane, Northants. (*Stene*¹), on the feast of the Holy Trinity next, the said manor shall revert to John and the said charter of enfeoffment shall be null and void; if John default in whole or in part of the said payment the manor shall remain to William, his heirs and assigns, according to the form of the feoffment. John grants that if within the period aforesaid he wish to sell the said manor and if William offer as high a price as anyone else it shall not be sold to anyone else unless and until William shall have resigned it (i.e. his option). Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Johanne Gyffard milite Willelmo de Hyuetone Ricardo de Hedryngton' Henrico Terry Jordano de Braytone Petro Huberd et aliis.' London: 21 June 1318.

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, semé of cross crosslets fitchy three fleurs-de-lis [BEREFORD];²
* **SECRETVM**

This instrument is cited by Baker (*Northamptonshire*, i. 620) as 'Hatton Portfolio No. 249'. The manor was not redeemed and the grantee and his heirs continued to hold it (*ibid.*).

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ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxix. 37.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Notification by Alianora, late the wife of Theobald Russel, that she has released to John of Somerton, Som., Henry Redmere, Richard Benyn, and Ralf de Acton son of John Damoysele, their heirs and assigns, all her right and claim by reason of dower or any other right in lands and tenements, feedings, pastures, &c., which she had in Haselbury Bryan, Dors. (*Haselb' in Blakemor*³), at les Woderowes. Similar releases in the same village to John Kyneman 1 messuage, 1 fardel of land and the half of a watermill with appurtenances; to William Kyneman 1 messuage and half a virgate of land; to William Wheler and Isabel his wife 1 messuage and half a virgate of land; to Thomas Scoffyn 1 messuage and 12 acres of land; to Richard Scoffyn 1 messuage and 1 fardel of land: To hold to all the above-named and each of them their heirs and assigns. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus. Johanne Chidiouk . Roberto Martyn . militibus . Thoma Brut . Willelmo de Fyfhide . Johanne Ledrede juniore . Ricardo Tomer et Waltero Frye et aliis.' Somerton: 27 Nov. 1356.

No endorsement.

SEAL: round, c. $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red; broken at one side. Within a gothic panel a shield of arms, per pale, dexter, on a chief three roundels [RUSSELL], sinister, lozengy [GORGES]; above the shield and on dexter side a lozenge, the former lozengy: SI [NORA D'] RVS. BM 13167

The seven folios of the BS on which charters 252 to 279 are entered present a very different appearance from the rest of the book. Apart from the few words facsimiled at the beginning of each document the hand in which they are written is a small flowing hand. They are all drastically abbreviated. No attempt is made to draw the shape of the original charters. The seals are sketched but no indication is given of how they are attached to the document.

¹ *Steue* BS.

² Cf. BM 7381 for these arms.

³ *Blakeward* BS.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

Indenture between John of Napton, lord of Weston, of the one part, and John Pernell' of Weston and Elizabeth his wife, of the other, witnessing that John of Napton has demised to John Pernell' and Elizabeth for their lives and the life of the survivor a messuage called Braggessplace together with a croft and 16 acres of land adjacent thereto in the village and fields of Weston (under Weatherley), Warw.; rendering therefor yearly 6 shillings and 8 pence at the two terms of the year, '&c.'. 'Hiis testibus Petro Sloleye de Weston Johanne Lapworth' de eadem Thoma Bailly de eadem Willelmo Hache de eadem et aliis.' Weston under Weatherley: 27 Sept. 1395.

SEAL: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Within a panel a shield of arms, on a fess three escallops; * *Sigillum* . . .

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BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

Quitclaim by William Brantyngham, knight, to John Avery of Winwick, his heirs and assigns, of all his right and claim in a messuage and virgate of arable land in the village and fields of Farthingstone, Northants., formerly those of James Avery of Farthingstone, uncle of the said John, of which John is in possession both by the feoffment of William and by his entry as kinsman and heir of the said James, '&c.'. Sealing clause. 4 June 1399.

SEAL: round, 1 in.; red. Within a panel a shield of arms, barry alternately vair, on a canton a lion rampant; * *Sigillum* : *Willi brantyngh*.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

An indenture witnessing that whereas Margaret Trussell, lately wife of John Trussell, knight, of Gayton, Northants., widow, is bound to Robert Pynkard of Eastcote (*Edenscote*) in Pattishall, Northants., in the sum of 100 marks payable at Christmas next, Robert grants that if he and his heirs shall have and enjoy those two messuages with their gardens in the street of St. Sepulchre of the town of Northampton formerly the property of the said John Trussell which Robert has by the gift of Margaret, then the said bond shall be void. Sealing clause. 21 Aug. 1426.

SEAL: round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, ermine a fess checky; crest, an animal salient; supporters, on either side an animal, that on the dexter a hare; *Sigill'* *margarete trussell*.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Notification by Robert Walden of Warwick and Ellen his wife, formerly wife of William Budde of Napton. Whereas John Budde of Napton by his deed gave to the said William and Ellen for their lives a messuage and 20 acres of land in the village and fields of Napton, Warw., which the said John previously had by the gift and feoffment of the said William, the reversion expectant thereon being reserved to Thomas Budde, son of the said William, after the death of the said William and Ellen; the aforesaid Robert Walden and Ellen his wife have given to the said Thomas Budde all their estate (*statum*) in the said messuage and 20 acres. 'Hiis testibus Thoma Throp' Rogero Draper. Johanne Broun Willelmo Warde Willelmo Brytte de Napton et aliis.' Napton on the Hill: 7 Jan. 1402.

SEAL: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Within a panel a shield of arms, a chevron between three birds' heads erased; * *Sigillum* : *roberti* : *Walden*.

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ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxvii. 46.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Charter of William son of Robert de Mareny giving to Richard son of William de Mareny 3 acres of land in the field called 'Le More' together with the whole messuage which Richard de Rumsted formerly held in the village of Layer Marney, Ess. (*Legra Mareny*), as it is enclosed by fences and ditches; which land lies lengthwise between the land of William de coquina and the land called 'Annoteland', one headland abuts on the land called 'Crisacre' towards the east and another headland on the way which leads from Ralf's bridge to the house of John de Reynes. To hold to the said Richard, his heirs and assigns and their heirs, and to whomsoever they may give, sell, and demise except men of religion and Jews; rendering yearly to the donor and his heirs 1 penny at Easter and 1 penny within the octave of Michaelmas, a halfpenny for castle guard of Stortford at the feast of St. Andrew (30 Nov.), a pound of cumin at Christmas and scutage at the rate of 1 penny for 40 shillings. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . Willelmo de coquina . Ricardo de Aldeholt . Reginaldo foristario . Ada de Ry . Radulfo Purcaz . Michaele de Ravintone . Willelmo le masun . Johanne de Reynes . Hamone clerico . Ricardo le Duc . Roberto le masun . et aliis.' (Mid-13th century.)

Endorsed: Layermerney. (15th century.)

SEAL on tag: shield shaped, $\frac{7}{8} \times 1$ in.; green. Shield of arms, a fess between two chevrons, a label of five points; **✠ S . WILLELMI LE : MAR'NI.** BM 11629

William de Marini had licence on 20 Oct. 1264 to impark his wood of 'Lyre' (*Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1258-64, 354*), and on 20 May 1265 a grant of free warren in his demesne lands in 'Leyre Marinyne' (*Cal. Chart. Rolls, ii. 55*).

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 A 54.

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Notification by William Trussell of Nuthurst, Warw. (*Notehurst*), that, whereas John Pecche the elder is by a recognizance made before the king at Westminster on the octave of St. John Baptist last past (1 July 1320) bound in the sum of £300 sterling payable at Michaelmas 1321, he grants for himself, his heirs and executors, that if John Murdak son and heir of Thomas Murdak on attaining his full age, namely, 21 years, ratify and quitclaim the estate (*statum*) which he, William, has in the manor of Floore, Northants., the said recognizance shall be of no force or effect. Sealing clause. Floore: 8 July 1320.

No endorsement.

No seal.

For William Trussell see *DNB*. For John Pecche see *CP*, 2nd ed. x. 342.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 48 A 14.

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Demise by William son of Henry le Charnel of Bedworth, Warw. (*Bedeworth*), knight, to Isabel relict of Richard le Cheperde of Pailton (*Paylington*) and Alice and John her children that place in Pailton, Warw., which lies between Nicholas Norman and Hugh Jordan; to hold to Isabel, Alice, and John for life, or for the life of the one who may live longest; rendering therefor to the grantor, his heirs and assigns, 3 shillings of silver at the two terms of the year, namely, 18 pence at the Annunciation and 18 pence at Michaelmas, for all secular service. The grantor warrants the said tenement, so that after the decease

of the said Isabel, Alice, and John it shall revert to him and his heirs, saving to the grantees and their executors the goods and chattels upon it. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Johanne Wautron' de Paylington . Simone le wodeward de eadem . Rogero Jordan . Johanne Roger . Thoma le smyth . et aliis.' Pailton: 21 Oct. 1328.

No endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; uncoloured. Within a quatrefoil panel a shield of arms, a label of five points; no legend. The drawing here is unfinished; the arms should be a cross engrailed with a label of five points, and the legend:  S' WI[UL]ELMI CH BM 8496

The charter is dated by the feast of St. Michael 'in Monte Tumba' on 16 Oct. There is a pedigree of Charnel of Bedworth in Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed., 83.

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ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xxix. 90.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Nicholas de Turville, knight, giving to William Riuel of Clifton and his heirs a messuage, a carucate of land, all his wood called 'La Graue', and all the meadow with pasture which he has in the village of Pailton, Warw. (*Paylinton*), and whatever he has in the same village without any reservation: he also quitclaims to the said William and his heirs all his right and claim in all those tenements which William previously held of him for the term of his life; to hold to William, his heirs and assigns. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . domino Johanne Paynel . domino Roberto de Verdun . domino Thoma de Garshale . domino Ricardo de Turuill' militibus . Roberto de Stok' . Willelmo le Bretun . Ricardo de Aspes . Roberto le Noreys . Willelmo de Walton' . Willelmo Reymund . et Willelmo de Russehale¹ et aliis.' Clifton on Dunsmore: 23 June 1302.

No ancient endorsement.

No seal.²

Dugdale in his *History of Warwickshire* gives practically no information about Pailton.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 E 8.

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Charter of Robert Wandard giving, with the assent of Isabel his wife and of Robert his firstborn son, to Robert of Plumpton (*Plumton*) in marriage with Alice his daughter and to his heirs by her 3 virgates of land in Mollington, Oxon., namely, one virgate which Robert son of Ralf holds with Robert himself and all his issue, and one virgate which William son of Rikeward holds with William himself and all his issue, and one virgate which William son of Godwin holds with William himself and all his issue; and also the service of one virgate of land which Richard Wandard holds of the donor: to hold of the donor and his heirs free of all secular service except forinsec service. The donor and his heirs will warrant the said lands to the donee and his heirs by Alice, and if they cannot warrant them they will give an exchange from their lands in Shotteswell, Oxon. (*Soteswell*), to the full value of the said lands in Mollington. If Alice should die without an heir of her body the land shall revert to the donor or to Isabel his wife or to their heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus. Roberto filio Almarici . Willelmo de Esseho . Radulfo de Bereford' . Ricardo de Grimescot' . Simone de Pinkeny . Willelmo de Claris vallibus . Ricardo de Atteneston . Alexandro de Bosco . Ricardo Basset . Henrico de Legh' . Roberto de Surr' . et aliis.' (Henry III, before 1240.)

No endorsement.

¹ *Rushale* BS.

² BM 14017, imperfect; armorial, two chevrons.

No seal.

A part of Mollington was formerly in Warwickshire. Bridges (*Northamptonshire*, i. 254) and Baker (*Northamptonshire*, ii. 96) give pedigrees of the family of Plumpton of Plumpton, Northants., in both of which this marriage is shown. The chronology of the pedigree suggests it to have taken place early in the reign of Henry III, in which case the Robert Wandard who held Shotteswell in 1235-6 and 1242-3 (*Fees*, 508, 957) was probably Robert Wandard, the son of the present grantor. Robert of Plumpton died in 1256, leaving three married daughters by Alice (*HKF* i. 88). Hence the charter may presumably be dated before 1240.

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ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. iv. 21.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of William de Turville, lord of Pailton, Warw. (*Pailintona*), giving to William the smith of Pailton for his homage and service a virgate of land within the village of Pailton and without, namely, that which John of Easenhall, Warw. (*Esenhul*), formerly held of the donor; to hold of the donor and his heirs to William and his heirs or to whomsoever he may give, bequeath, or assign it, except a house of religion or Jews; rendering therefor yearly to the donor and his heirs 10 shillings of silver at the three terms, namely, 3 shillings and 4 pence at Michaelmas, the Purification, and Pentecost, for all service except forinsec service, and doing two suits of the donor's court, namely one suit next after Michaelmas and one next after Easter. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo domino de Neisham . Johanne de Neuham . Henrico de Leya . Willelmo Boydin de Strettona . John Coc de eadem . Ricardo de Lincolnia . Thoma de Esenhul . Willelmo milite de Paylinton . Johanne Alein de eadem . et aliis.' (Henry III?)

No early endorsement.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, three chevronels; no legend.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Quitclaim by Alice, formerly wife of John Bolom of St. Albans, to Richard Deye the younger of St. Albans of all her right and claim by reason of dower or otherwise in a tenement situate at St. Albans in the great street (*in magno vico*) near (*versus*) the church of St. Peter between the messuage formerly belonging to William Sepwell in which the aforesaid Richard now dwells and the messuage formerly belonging to Nicholas of Hertford. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo Nouy tunc balliuo villati² Sancti Albani Philippo Merott Ricardo Amy Johanne atte Grene et aliis.' St. Albans: 20 Aug. 1365.

SEAL: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Within a quatrefoil panel a lozenge charged with an eagle displayed; no legend.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 54 H 35.

BS FACSIMILE, date only. Indented.

Agreement made at Pentecost 1282 between Robert de Pinkeny, lord of Ballincreif, Haddingtonsh. (*Balnecref*), and John de Boltesham, by which Robert gave to John, his heirs and assigns, a yearly rent of 40 shillings sterling from the land which Thomas the reeve of 'Heprik' held in Ballincreif payable half at Michaelmas and half at Easter beginning at Michaelmas of the year aforesaid. To hold to John, his heirs and assigns, until Robert or his heirs shall pay to John, his heirs or assigns, 40 marks in money or kind (*valore*), when the said rent shall revert to Robert and John shall deliver up his part of the present

¹ BM 14019, giving legend: ☆ S' WILLELMI DE TURVILLE

² Sic.

writing. A previous bond for £20 sterling and 10 shillings yearly rent, which Robert made to John, is cancelled and as soon as they come to England John will deliver it up to Robert. Sealing clause. Ballin-creif: 17 May 1282.

No endorsement.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, five fusils in fess; no legend.

Ballincreif and other lands in Scotland came to Henry de Pinkeny, Robert's grandfather, through his marriage with Alice daughter of David de Lindsay of Crawford of the first line, Alice being ultimately heir to her brother Gerard de Lindsay (Bain, *Cal. Docs. Scotland*, i, No. 1758; Lord Lindsay, *Lives of the Lindsays*, i. 27-8, 405). An extent of Ballincreif in 1296 will be found in Bain, *op. cit.* ii, No. 857. The nature of this agreement suggests that the financial difficulties of the family, which ultimately led to the sale of the English lands to the king by Robert's brother and heir, Henry, had already begun.

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Charter of Robert of Napton, knight, giving to Adam son of Robert Dawen of Napton half an acre of land on the hill of Napton on the Hill, Warw., to hold of the chief lord of the fee. Napton: 28 June 1287

ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xxviii. 2.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Napton' miles dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Ade filio Roberti Dawen de eadem villa dimidiam acram terre cum pertinenciis que iacet super montem de Napton' in placea dicti Ade et que clamaui habere de Luca Trauers causa eius discessionis in villinagio meo habendam et tenendam dictam dimidiam acram terre cum pertinenciis suis dicto Ade heredibus et assignatis suis de capitali domino illius feodi libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum et cuicunque uel quandocunque dictam terram dare vendere legare vel assignare voluerit tam in egritudine quam in bona sanitate. Reddendo inde dicto capitali domino tres denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis archangeli pro omni seculari seruicio exactione secta curie et omnibus aliis demandis quibuscunque saluo forinseco seruicio domini regis. Et ego vero dictus Robertus de Napton' miles . heredes et assignati mei dictam dimidiam acram cum pertinenciis suis dicto Ade heredibus et assignatis suis pro predicto redditu warrantizabimus acquietabimus et contra omnes gentes imperpetuum defendemus. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus . Willelmo filio Willelmi . Augustino Keuerel . Roberto de Charwelton' . Willelmo de Weston' . Radulpho Paynel . et multis aliis. Datum apud Napton' in vigilia apostolorum² Petri et Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi quinto decimo.

Endorsed: Mulnehul . dimidia acra. (15th century.)

SEAL³ on tag: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Within a traceried panel a shield of arms, on a fess three escallops, in dexter chief a charge not identified.⁴ No legend.

¹ BM 12649; and cf. 12650 with the legend, ☆ S' NPTON'.
ROBERTI DE PIRENI.

² sic.

³ BM 12060, with the legend ☆ S' RICARDI (sic) D'

⁴ BM 12060 gives a covered cup, and 12063 a chess rook (with the legend ROBERTI).

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ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xxix. 2.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Acknowledgement by Maud de Rabaigh' that on the date of these presents she received from Simon Malory, lord of Winwick, Northants., two marks of silver in respect of her dower in the manor of Winwick for the term of the Nativity of St. John Baptist 10 Edw. II (1317). Sealing clause. Amersham, Bucks. (*Emotesham*): 25 June 1317.

SEAL¹: round, $\frac{5}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms suspended from a tree, five palets, on a chief three escallops; no legend.

Maud was the daughter and coheir of John de Bayeux and widow of Elias de Rabaigh. She later married Peter Malory, the judge (Foss, *Judges of England*, under 'Mallore'). The Malories held land in Winwick of her and her husband (Bridges, *Northamptonshire*, i. 603). No satisfactory pedigree of the family of Malory has yet been compiled, but it seems reasonably certain that Simon Malory was an ancestor of Sir Thomas Malory, author of *Le Morte d'Arthur*.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 49 D 29. Indented.

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Indenture by Ralf of Lewknor, Oxon. (*Leukenouore*), knight, conveying to Adam son of Simon of Harrowden and Alice his wife a messuage and a virgate of land with meadow, pasture, and all other appurtenances in Great Harrowden, Northants. (*Harwedone*), except a cottage which Geoffrey Hert formerly held, namely, that messuage, land, &c., which Agnes widow of Elias Orpyn formerly held of the grantor in villeinage. To hold to Adam and Alice and their assigns for their lives of the grantor and his heirs. Warranty clause. After the death of Adam and Alice the tenements granted are to revert to the grantor or his heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Nicholao de Wymale Roberto de Erdlyngber . Henrico de Isham . Gilberto le Dyne . Theboldo de Thyngdene et aliis.' Great Harrowden: 14 Jan. 1298.

SEAL²: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms suspended from a tree, three pales, on a chief three crescents; no legend.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. French.

Acknowledgement by Roger of Breadstone, Glouc. (*Bradeston*), knight, that he has received from Thomas of Breadstone by the hands of Henry de Gretehurst, reeve of Shalford (*Schaldeford*), £9 sterling in part-payment of his (Roger's) annual rent in Shalford for the 26th and 27th years (? of the reign). 'Loketon': 11 July 1354.

SEAL: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Within a panel a shield of arms, lozenges in pale; * S R A D E S T O N E .

Thomas of Breadstone died in 1360 seised of a moiety of the manor of Shalford, Surr. (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* x, Edw. III, No. 614). Henry de Gruthurst is mentioned in the inquisition as one of the villeins of the manor. Thomas was succeeded by his grandson, Thomas son of Robert. No information is forthcoming as to Roger or the circumstances in which he held this rent. See also *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 273.

¹ BM 12891, with legend SECRETA TEGE.

² BM 11317, with legend ☆ IE . SV . SEL . DE . AMOVR . LEL.

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Charter of Philip son of Roger Pantulf of Newbold, Warw., giving to Denise of Warwick and the children begotten of the said Philip and Denise three half virgates of land in Long Lawford, Warw. (Mid 13th century)

ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xxviii. 39.

BS FACSIMILE, first word.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Philippus filius Rogeri Pauntulf de Neubold' dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Dyonisie de Warewich' et pueris ex me predicto Philippo et predicta Dyonisia procreatis pro seruicio suo tres dimidias virgatas terre cum pertinentiis suis omnibus in territorio de Longa Lalleford'. quarum unam uirgatum terre habui de dono predicti Rogeri Pauntulf patris mei cum hominibus super terram illam sedentibus et cum tota sequela eorum et omnibus catallis eorundem . scilicet illam dimidiam virgatum terre quam Thomas de le Hul tenuit cum dicto Thoma et tota sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis . et illam dimidiam virgatum terre quam Willelmus filius Rogeri tenuit cum dicto Willelmo et tota sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis . et illam dimidiam virgatum terre quam habui de dono Willelmi Pauntulf fratris mei . illam scilicet quam Rogerus Colling' tenuit cum predicto Rogero Colling' et tota sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis. Habend' et tenend' de me et heredibus meis uel assignatis meis predictae Dionisie et pueris ex me predicto Philippo et prefata Dyonisia prouenientibus et heredibus eorum libere quiete bene et in pace et hereditarie in perpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis et assignatis meis unum par cyrothecarum albarum de precio unius oboli uel obolum ad Pasca pro omnibus seruiciis secularibus sectis curiarum querelis exactionibus consuetudinibus et demandis. Ego uero predictus Philippus Pauntulf et heredes mei et assignati mei predictas tres virgatas terre cum pertinentiis suis omnibus in pratis in pascuis in viis et semitis et omnibus aliis locis prenominate Dyonisie et pueris ex me et predicta Dyonisia procreatis per predictum seruicium contra omnes homines et feminas in perpetuum warantizabimus aquietabimus et defendemus. Ut hec autem mea donacio et concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio rata et stabilis in perpetuum permaneat : hanc cartam meam presentem sigilli mei impressione roborauit. Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Wauere domino de Chirche Lalleford' . Ricardo Cheynel de Lalleford' . Johanne Dauers de Neubold' . Willelmo Cosin de Neubold' . Galfrido filio Alexandri de Lalleford' . Johanne Rag' de Lalleford' . Reginaldo Toft . Philippo coco de Lalleford' . Thoma Palle de Lalleford' et aliis.

Endorsed: Longa Lalleford. (15th century.)

No seal is shown in BS, but a seal in poor condition, on a tag transversely, survives; a capital P, device above. No legend.

The number of extant 13th-century instruments by which a man makes a suitable provision for his mistress and illegitimate children must be limited. There seem to be some grounds for identifying the donor with a Philip Pantulf, clerk, who by a covenant dated 23 June 1256 made his peace with the prior of Monks

Kirby and terminated a long dispute which had originated in the death of Geoffrey de Craft, husband of Maud, Philip's sister. She had 'maliciously defamed' the prior and his men in regard to her husband's death. Philip himself had blamed the prior for his imprisonment at Warwick, which he, by this agreement, acknowledged was done in accordance with the king's mandate. Philip's *fidejussores* were John de Awers, John of Warwick, husband of Isabel Pantulf, and John Rag of Lawford; the first and last of whom witness the present charter. The case for the identification seems to be strengthened by the remarkable exception contained in the final clause: 'Nolo tamen quod ego Philippus et fidejussores mei pro aliquo peccato carnali cum aliqua parrochiana predicti prioris a me commissio per presentem litteram obligatoriam predicto priori obligemur' (Madox, *Formulare*, No. 158). Philip's father was apparently the Roger Pantulf who in 1209-10 made an agreement with the abbot of Pipewell as to rights of pasture in Long Lawford (*ibid.*, No. 47).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Cited as 'Hatton Portfolio of Deeds No. 254' (Baker, *Northamptonshire*, i. 652).

Quitclaim by William de Oddingseles, formerly son and heir of Nicholas de Oddingseles, knight, to master Richard Tibey of Middleton, clerk, and his heirs and assigns of the manor which the grantor lately had in Middleton Cheney, Northants., with the capital messuage and all other appurtenances and whatever else he may have there or at Warcorthe; which manor the grantor originally (*primo*) demised to master Richard for the term of his life, '&c.'. 'Hiis testibus domino Petro de Ilmendon rectore ecclesie de Makestock . Johanne dicto le Keu de Aspelee . domino Hugone de Farningho capellano magistro Willelmo de la Grene de Middelton domino Ricardo de Cotes capellano . domino Johanne Gimne de Brackele capellano . Roberto de Welles clerico . Willelmo le Bruton de Middelton . Alano de Kent de eadem . Ricardo filio Henrici le Frensche de eadem . Henrico Boulge de Purston Nicholao de Merston clerico . Thoma Parys de Tenford . Johanne le large de eadem et aliis.' Middleton Cheney: 14 May 1310.

SEAL¹: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, on a fess three [?]escallops between in chief two mullets and in base six ermine spots; scroll work for legend.

The grantor was the son and heir of the grantee of No. 279. On the day following the date of this charter the grantor sold to the grantee all the chattels and movables on the manor of Middleton (Add. Chart. 22316).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. The transcript begins with the final letter *s* of the word *finalis*. The first words of the fine were already illegible.

A final concord made in the king's court the quindene of Easter 34 Edw. I before Ralf of Hengham, Peter Malorre, William Howard, and Lambert of Trikyngnam, justices, and others; between William de Kaynes, querent, and Hawise de Kaynes, deforciant, of the manor of Dodford, Northants., namely, that William has acknowledged the manor to be the right of Hawise, and for this acknowledgement Hawise granted the said manor to William, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, of Hawise and her heirs, rendering therefor to Hawise during her life yearly £100. If William die without heirs of his body remainder to Lettice de Ayete his sister and to John her son and the heirs of his body; if John die without heirs of his body, then after the death of Lettice and John, to Lawrence brother to John and the heirs of his body; if Lawrence die without heirs of his body, to William his brother and the heirs of his body; and if William die without heirs of his body, it shall revert to Hawise and her heirs. 17 Apr. 1306.

No seal.

For the Keynes family and their descendants see Baker, *Northamptonshire*, i. 350-6. Sir Robert de Keynes died in 1281 leaving a son and heir Robert then aged 10 and a younger son, the William of this fine.

¹ Cf. BM 12288 (Add. Chart. 22316), giving the charges on the fess as martlets and in chief estoiles.

Hawise was dowered in Dodford, and her elder son, Robert, released to her the reversion, whereupon she settled it on William by this fine. William left issue so that the remainders over did not take effect. There appear to have been a number of mesne manors dependent on Dodford (Baker, *op. cit.* i. 355), which explains the high rent reserved to Hawise in the fine. Baker (p. 351) cites this fine as being then in the possession of G. W. Finch-Hatton; though it would not be in proper custody, this may have been the case (*cf.* No. 273), but more probably he is referring to BS.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 58 D 16 (much faded).

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words. French.

Indenture made between Corneus de Wyrleye and Katherine his wife, of the one part, and John de Whelesburgh, of the other, witnessing that Corneus and Katherine have granted and leased to John all their estate in the manor of Fenny Drayton, Leics., to hold to John, his heirs and assigns, of Corneus and Katherine; rendering yearly therefor one mark of silver all the life of the said Katherine '&c.'. Sealing clause. Witnesses: 'William de Asteleye chiualer Robert Burgulon' William Purefey Edmund de Lyneleye Johan Portere de Eton et aultres.' Fenny Drayton: 8 Jan. 1382.

SEAL: round, $\frac{1\frac{3}{8}}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, on a fess between six [?]ermine spots, three in chief and three in base, three birds; no legend.

John de Wellesburgh held a moiety of a knight's fee in Fenny Drayton of Henry de Ferrers, Lord Ferrers of Groby (Nichols, iv, pt. ii. 591).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Cal. Pat. Rolls 1385-9, 283.

Letters patent of Richard II granting for 10 marks paid in the hanaper by John of Fawsley, knight, licence to him to give and grant the manor of Fawsley, Northants., held of the king in chief, to John of Waltham the king's clerk, Robert Warbulton citizen of London, and Robert de Pubelowe, to hold to them and their heirs of the king and his heirs, by the services due and accustomed; and also licence to the donees to receive the same from the said John of Fawsley. Sealing clause. Westminster: 27 Feb. 1387.

No seal.

Baker (*Northamptonshire*, i. 379) mentions the original conveyance by John of Fawsley to the above-named feoffees as being then in the possession of G. W. Finch-Hatton of Kirkby.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 58 E 1.

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Quitclaim by William la Zouche of Harringworth to the prior and canons of Studley, Warw. (*Stodlegh*'), of lands and rents in Studley, Marton, and Clifford Ruin¹ (*Clifford Pouwer*). Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus dominis Willelmo Moutoun . Rogero la Zousche . Johanne Ryuel . Roberto de Heliwell' militibus . Willelmo Danet . Johanne Thool . Rogero de Wasshingleye de Wappenbury . Johanne de Peyto . Johanne de Rous . Johanne de Conynggesby . Johanne de Middelmor . Ricardo Bulky . Willelmo de Merton' et multis aliis.' Harringworth, Northants.: 29 July 1338.

SEAL² on tag: round, 1 in.; uncoloured. Within an eight-pointed panel a shield of arms, bezanty [ZOUCHE]; no legend.

¹ Lost, within the parish of Stratford-on-Avon. All these places are in Warw.

² BM 14691, giving also a canton ermine and legend S' WILLEL . . . LA . ZOV . . [?]

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 I 27.

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Walter de Beauchamp, knight, giving to William abbot and the convent of Evesham, Worcs., a toft, 3 acres of meadow, and 40 shillings of rent in Kinwarton, Warw. (*Kinewarton*'), to hold to the abbot and convent and their successors of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Johanne de Hainton' . Johanne de Heyford . Johanne le Rous . Waltero de Lench . Ricardo de Raggeleye et aliis.' Kinwarton: 10 Jan. 1328.

Endorsed: Carta domini Walteri de Bello Campo de terra de Kynwarton. (14th century.)

No seal shown. Seal on tag survives in the original.

BM 7273

The donor was Walter de Beauchamp of Alcester, Warw., for whom see Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 249.

276

Charter of Edmund de Beauchamp giving to William son of Durand of Hundon, Suff., three acres of arable land for his homage and service and two marks sterling 'in gersumam'. (13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Eadmundus de Beuchamp dedi et concessi etc. Willelmo filio Durandi de Huneden pro homagio et seruicio suo et pro duabus marcis sterlingorum quas mihi dedit in gersumam tres acras terre mee arabilis cum pertinentiis totis ad dictas acras tres spectantibus &c. Habendum et tenendum &c. illi et heredibus suis &c. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis tres obolos argenti ad duos terminos anni scilicet &c. Domino Hugone Sorel Johanne fratri sui Stephano de Bosco Henrico de Capelles Willelmo de Neuile Galfrido de Capelles Johanne de Belinges Roberto de Helun' Semanno de Recham Willelmo de Balesham . Gilberto le Tollere . Waltero de Helmham et multis aliis huius rei testibus.

No seal.

In 1346 it was returned that a Robert Sorel had formerly held a quarter of a knight's fee in Hundon of the earl of Gloucester (*FA* v. 77). Drastic abbreviation of the text makes any attempt to date the charter by formula difficult. It has not proved possible to identify the grantor or witnesses.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Acknowledgement by John of Pattishall of Crawley, Bucks. (*Craule*), that he has received from Robert son and heir of John de Wylleby £20 sterling for which Robert was bound to him by a recognizance in chancery in the Easter term 3 Edw. III (1329) payable at Michaelmas next after the date of such recognizance. A further acknowledgement that he has received from Robert, as son and heir and also executor of the said John, a final account of all lands, goods, and chattels which belonged to Walter Langton, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, in the county of Northampton and which by the king's writ were in the custody of the said John de Wylleby when sheriff of the said county. Crawley: 8 July 1329.

SEAL: round, $\frac{11}{16}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, a fess between three crescents [PATTESHULL]; no legend.

Walter Langton, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, treasurer under Edward I, was removed from office 22 Aug. 1307 by Edward II and on 20 Sept. his lands were taken into the king's hands. He was not restored to office until 14 Mar. 1312. He died 9 Nov. 1321 (*DNB*). John de Wylleby was sheriff of Northampton 1308–12 (*PRO* List of Sheriffs). It seems probable that his acknowledgement records the belated settlement of the treasurer's property held by John during the time Langton was out of favour with the king. John of Pattishall was the direct descendant of Simon of Pattishall, the judge, of the reigns of Richard I and John. Simon was the founder of the family (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 311–16).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Charter of William of Bearley, Warw. (*Burleia*), son of William of Bearley, quitclaiming to the abbot and convent of Bordesley, for himself, his assigns and tenants, all right and claim by rights of common in an acre in Claverdon, Warw., which acre Thomas earl of Warwick gave in alms to the monks and which lies beside 'Chellewelle siche', '&c.'. 'Hiis testibus domino Petro de Wlwardinton milite . Willelmo de Waleford . Roberto Roald de Langeleg' . Roberto de Kirkeby . Nicholas de Vado de Cadricheston et aliis.' (First half of 13th century—after 1229.)

No seal.

For the Bearley family see Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed., ii. 581, but no William son of William occurs there. Thomas earl of Warwick had a writ for livery of his lands on 17 Oct. 1229 and died 26 June 1242; the witness Peter of Wolverton in 1242–3 was holding one fee in Lillington, Warw., of Roesse de Verdun who held of the earl of Warwick (*Fees*, 955).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Cited as 'Hatton Portfolio of Deeds No. 280' (Baker, *Northamptonshire*, i. 651).

Charter of William de Oddyngeles the younger confirming the gift of his father William de Oddyngeles to his (*meo*) brother Nicholas and his heirs of lands, houses, desmesnes, &c., in Middleton beside Banbury (Middleton Cheney), Northants., as is more fully set out in his father's charter, '&c.'. 'Hiis testibus dominis Henrico de Pinkeny . Roberto de Pinkeny . Rogero de Sanford Rogero de Lyhuris Milone de Hasting' . Willelmo de Hastings Ricardo filio Ricardi de Amundeuille . Waltero Breton' . Johanne de Blossseuille et aliis.' (Before 25 Aug. 1275.)

No seal.

The grantee is apparently that Nicholas de Oddingseles who was holding Middleton Cheney in 1276 (*HKF* ii. 220). Henry de Pinkeny died 25 Aug. 1275 (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 524).

EX CARTIS WILLELMI LE NEUE MILITIS CLARENCEUX REGIS ARMORUM

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Charter of Henry II restoring to John son of John the Marshal the office of marshal together with the lands on both sides of the sea in succession to his father. Notre-Dame du Pré, Rouen (1166–72/3)

BS FACSIMILE.

.H. rex Angl' . et dux Norm' . et Aquit' . et comes Andeg' . archiepiscopis episcopis . comitibus . baronibus . iusticiariis . vicecomitibus . ministris . et omnibus fidelibus

suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie et Normannie . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et reddidisse et presenti carta confirmasse Johanni filio Johannis Marescalli ministerium suum et omnia tenementa que ipse debet tenere de me citra mare et ultra. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse ea habeat et teneat cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano . in pratis et pasturis . in aquis et molendinis . in viuariis et piscariis . in viis et semitis . et in omnibus aliis locis et aliis rebus ad ea pertinentibus cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis . ita bene . et in pace . et libere . quiete . plenarie . integre . et honorifice : sicut pater suus melius tenuit et liberius. Testibus . A . . . ^{r1} archiepiscopo Rothom' . Arnulfo episcopo Lexou' . Henrico episcopo Baioc' . Frogero episcopo Sag' . Gaufrido archidiacono Cant' . Ricardo de Humetis conestabulario . Jordano Teissun . Manassero Biset dapifero . Ricardo de Canuilla . Willelmo de Caineto . Willelmo de Angeruilla . Apud Sanctam Mariam de Prato.

SEAL on tag: fragment of a Great Seal; red. *Obv.*: the king enthroned, orb with dove in left hand. *Rev.*: equestrian, sword, long surcoat; ES AND

The grantee was elder brother of the whole blood to the famous William the Marshal, earl of Pembroke. In the *Academy* of 9 July 1892 (p. 33) Round deals with the succession to the marshalship at this time. John the Marshal the elder, who distinguished himself as a partisan of the empress during the civil war of Stephen's reign, died in 1165 before Michaelmas (*PR 11 Hen. II*, 56) leaving a son and heir, Gilbert, by his first wife. Gilbert died before Michaelmas 1166 (*PR 12 Hen. II*, 95) and John the younger, the eldest son by the second wife, became heir to his father and brother (*ibid.* 74). The king was in England from May 1165 till Mar. 1166. He was at Rouen in Nov. 1166 and there met the archbishop of Rouen and the bishop of Lisieux. This seems to be the earliest possible date for the present charter; the latest limit is the adoption of the style *dei gratia* in 1172-3. The witnesses are consistent with these limits, but the subject-matter makes the date almost certainly 1166 or 1167. The priory of Notre-Dame du Pré or Bonne-Nouvelle, a dependency of the abbey of Le Bec, was situated in the faubourg of Emendreville across the Seine from Rouen. The phrase *concessisse et reddidisse* is also used in the charter of Conan IV, duke of Brittany, restoring the constablership of Richmond to Alan son of Roald in 1158 (*EYC* iv; *Richmond*, pt. 1, 48). It would appear to be the correct technical term for the admission to an inherited office of this kind.

281

Charter of Ralf, the chamberlain of Tancarville, confirming to William de la Mare the land which he held of the grantor's father in Ashstead and Mitcham, Surr., and Harlaxton, and Londonthorpe, Lincs. (1191-1200)

BS FACSIMILE.

Radulfus camerarius . filius Willelmi camerarii de Tancaruill' . omnibus hominibus suis Normannis et Anglicis . et omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas vestra quod ego Radulfus camerarius concessi . Willelmo de Mara et heredibus suis totam terram . quam idem Willelmus tenuit de Willelmo patre meo . apud Estede . et apud Michehan . et apud Herlauestone . et apud Londrestorp . de

¹ *Sic.* The original had already perished: *recte* 'Rotrodo'.

me . et de meis heredibus integre . et libere . et honorifice . per iiij^{or} marcas argenti . tenendam ad feodum¹ firmam mihi et heredibus meis annuatim reddendas . scilicet ij marcas . ad Pascha et ij ad festum sancti Michaelis. Predictus uero Willelmus de Mara mihi pro concessione hac x libras stelling¹ donauit. Ut autem hoc ratum et stabile haberetur . munimine carte mee sigillo meo inpresse hoc eidem Willelmo mihi placuit confirmare. Teste . Willelmo filio Radulfi tunc senescallo Normannie . Roberto de Harecuria² . Ricardo Bereuel . Willelmo de Calid Willelmo de Sancta Maria . Alexandro de Vilers . Jordano de Lidebue . Nicholao Bordet . Willelmo de Vilers . Aleisi clerico Johannis³ de Mara . Eustachio clerico . Ricardo clerico . et . pluribus aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2 in.; yellow; central portion only. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, shield, long surcoat; legend missing.

The latest mention of William the chamberlain of Tancarville is June 1191, when he arrived with other crusaders at Acre (Landon, *Itin.* 50): the earliest mention of Ralf his son and successor seems to be 16 Sept. 1197 (*ibid.* 122). The latest limit of date is 1200, in which year William fitzRalf ceased to be seneschal of Normandy. The subject-matter of the present charter suggests that it was executed not long after Ralf's succession. For the family of the grantee and the lands involved see the annotation to charter No. 107.

282

Charter of Saher de Quincy granting to Sibton abbey, Suff., 20 acres of land from his demesne and 30 acres of broken heath, measured by the perch of 20 feet in the village of Tuddenham, Suff., and also common of pasture for 300 sheep. (Henry II, after 1163)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt omnes presentes et futuri : quod ego Seherius de Quinceio . concessi et hac presenti carta confirmaui deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Sibet' . et monachis eiusdem loci xx acras terre de dominio meo . et xxx acras terre de brueria fracta per perticam xx pedum in uilla de Tudeham in perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio et seculari exactione. Concessi etiam eis communem pasturam eiusdem uille ccc ouibus. Hanc autem elemosinam feci eis pro salute anime mee et pro salute heredum et omnium parentum meorum. Testibus Gaufrido Peccato . Rogero de Huntingf' . Gaufrido filio Osberti . Ebrardo de Beche . Willelmo de Sancto Georgio . Seherio de Quinceio filio meo Gaufrido capellano et Elya clerico meo.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; red. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, hauberk (arms lozengy), kite-shaped shield; ∴ **SIGILLVM : SEHER DE**

The ancestry of Saher de Quincy, first earl of Winchester, is obscure. A Saher de Quincy appears in the Northamptonshire Survey (*VCH Northants.* i. 379) as tenant of Anselm de Chokes at Long Buckby. The

¹ *Sic.*

² The contraction is the usual one for *er*, but the conjunction with the seneschal makes it practically certain that the witness is Robert de Harcourt, a well-known royal official, and not a member of the somewhat obscure family of Héri-

court-en-Caux.

³ There is no stop between *clerico* and *Joh'*: the latter has therefore been extended in the genitive. The spacing of the words also supports this reading.

date of the survey is 1124–9, but as interpolations were made later it is uncertain whether this entry belongs to the time of Henry I. In 1158 Saher de Quincy was pardoned 25 shillings danegeld in Northamptonshire (*PR 4 Hen. II*, 142). He probably took his name from Cuinchy near Béthune, less than 10 miles from Chocques, the original home of his Northamptonshire overlord. At some time after the death of her first husband in 1136 Saher married Maud de Senlis, daughter of Simon I, earl of Northampton, and widow of Robert fitzRichard of Dunmow. In the register of Daventry priory is a joint charter of the husband and wife (Cott. MS. Claudius D xii, f. 5). Maud apparently had Daventry as her marriage portion (*HKF* ii. 395) and a charter of 12 Jan. 1146 is attested by ‘Seerus de Quinci dominus de Daventre’ (*Mon.* v. 182). It ultimately passed to the issue of Maud’s son, Walter fitzRobert, by his second wife, Maud de Bohun. No. 145 above is a charter of Maud witnessed first by her son Walter fitzRobert and, almost at the end of the witness list, by her son Seher. There is no evidence about the date of her husband Saher de Quincy’s death. Possibly the fact that he is not mentioned in No. 145 implies that he was dead when the charter was made. If so, he probably died between 1154 and 1166 and the Saher de Quincy, who held $1\frac{1}{4}$ fees of Robert de Chokes and $1\frac{1}{2}$ fees of the new feoffment of Walter fitzRobert, was his son. In 1208 Saher de Quincy, earl of Winchester, in a plea as to the advowson of Wimpole, Cambs., said that his grandfather, Saher de Quincy, had held it in Henry II’s reign (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, v. 231). It seems probable that the earl was the grandson of the Saher who married Maud de Senlis, although it is possible that another generation should be inserted in the pedigree and the earl is referring in 1208 to Maud’s son. The grantor of this present charter would seem to be Maud’s son. Geoffrey Pecche was son of Hamo Pecche and occurs late in Henry II’s reign (Eyton, *Itin.* 277; *Liber Memorandum ecclesie de Bernewelle*, ed. J. W. Clark, 47). Roger of Huntingfield is said to have succeeded his father in 1155 and died in 1204 (*CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 671). Various lands in Tuddenham are confirmed to Sibton abbey by a charter of Henry II in 1163 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 96). Saher is not mentioned as a donor, and although plots of 20 and 30 acres are confirmed, they cannot be certainly identified with those of this deed, an indication that it was made after 1163.

The 30 acres of broken heath were assart, measured, as was customary, by a longer perch than that used for ancient ploughland. The purpose of the longer perch was apparently to encourage the bringing of new land into cultivation by increasing the size of the acre, the ancient unit of assessment (Maitland, *Domesday Book and Beyond*, 376).

283

Charter of Richard earl of Devon, giving to Christchurch priory, Hants, twenty ‘solidatae’ of land in his manor of Christchurch in exchange for the land of Tedelingesham, which Reginald of Aumale gave to Quarr abbey and which the earl now restores to that house, the prior and canons of Christchurch confirming it before him and his barons. (1155–62)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus . Ricardus comes Deuon’ salutem. Cognitum sit uobis atque certissimum me dedisse canonicis Christi-ecclesia xx^{ti} solidatas terre in manerio meo de Christi-ecclesia . in excambium videlicet de Tedelingesham’ quam Reginaldus de Albamara eis donauerat pro anima Jordani de Insula. Hanc autem terram de Tedelingesham totam cum hominibus et omnibus pertinentiis suis reddidi et reconfirmaui deo et abbacie de Quarraria liberam et solutam et quietam ab omnibus terrenis seruitiis et donis et auxiliis’ et exactionibus uniuersis. Et hoc bene concessit et firmiter confirmauit prior et conuentus predictorum canonicorum

de Christiēcclesia ⁊ coram me et baronibus meis ⁊ quia scilicet hec terra de Tede-
lingeham primum fuit abbatie de Quarraria a patre meo data ⁊ et per cartam ipsius
et meam cum omnimoda libertate confirmata. Uolo igitur et precipio ⁊ ut eam
habeat et teneat bene et in pace et secure et honorifice ⁊ sicut liberam elemosinam
patris mei et meam . et prohibeo modis omnibus ne aliquis hominum meorum in
terram illam manum mittat ⁊ neque aliquam molestiam uel contrarietatem inde
monachis de Quarraria faciat. Teste Henrico de Riveriis . Willelmo de Vern' .
Hugone Peuerel . Gaufrido de Insula . Roberto Trencard' . Peuerello de Argent'.

SEAL on cord: round, 2½ in.; brown. A griffin to sinister springing on to the back of an animal; no legend.

Tedelingham is not shown on the 1-inch Ordnance map, but it appears to have been not far from Budbridge in the parish of Arreton, Isle of Wight: see PRO Ancient Deed B 3091. The original gift to Quarr must have been early, for it is confirmed in Earl Baldwin's charter of 1141-4 (*Cambridge Hist. Journ.* iv. 297). The circumstances of Quarr's loss of Tedelingham to Christchurch do not appear, and it is impossible to assign fixed limits of date for the present charter narrower than those of Earl Richard de Revier's tenure of the earldom, but it was doubtless late in that period. The first and second witnesses are the grantor's brothers; the second ultimately succeeded to the earldom.

284

Charter of Hugh Bigot granting to Thetford priory, Norf., the gifts of William de Burneville and his sons and his daughter Avice, namely, land in Brettenham and Somersham and the tithes of Ringshall and Baylham, Suff., which gifts were also granted by William le Brun who placed this donation on the altar of St. Mary (of Thetford) on the Feast of All Saints (1 Nov.) when Hugh returned from Ely. (circa 1130-40)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo Bighotus concedo deo et sancte Marie & monachis de Tetford' quicquid Willelmus de Burneuilla . et filii eius & Auicia filia eius eis donauerunt in elemosinam . terram uidelicet de Bretheham . et terrulam de Sumbresham & decimas de Rinsgessella . et de Beleham. Et hec omnia concessit Willelmus Brunus coram me et optulit super altare sancte Marie in liberam elemosinam finaliter. Et ego Hugo Bigotus et concessi et confirmaui sigillo meo uidelicet quod monachi de Tetford' habeant & teneant hec omnia libere & quiete . de omnibus rebus et seruiciis et querelis . preter orationes. Et in die festiuitatis omnium sanctorum cum redirem de Heli donauit . Willelmus Brunus hanc donationem super altare sancte Marie coram his testibus. Willelmo de Curzun . Bartolomeo de Crec . Simoni Bigoto . Eudo¹ de Willebi . Ricardo filio Stanardi . Geroldo de Colo . Roberto de Remes . Junguino de Tedford' . Roberto de Vals iunior¹ . Balduino Faiet . Roberto filio Algari . Roberto de Punt'kefre . Rogerio de Guinei . Warino filio Geroldi . Ranulfo *gamberlano* Roberto sriba¹ domini.

¹ Sic.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2 in.; red; fragmentary. Equestrian, apparently holding a lance, long surcoat; no legend.

The earliest limit of date cannot be far removed from 1130. William le Brun occurs on the Pipe Roll of 1130 under Suffolk (p. 99); the witness Robert de Rames succeeded his father in or shortly before 1130 (see note to No. 291 below), and Bartholomew de Crec witnesses a charter of Count Stephen of Brittany in 1135 (Douglas, *Feudal Documents*, 155 n.). Hugh Bigot was created earl of Norfolk in Dec. 1140 or Jan. 1141 (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 581).

285

Charter of Simon de Beauchamp giving the chapel on the bridge of Bedford to St. John's hospital, Bedford. (1179-94)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *BHRS* ix. 179.

Notum sit omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Symon de Bello campo dedi . concessi . et presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et hospitali sancti Johannis de Bedeford' . et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus capellam super pontem de Bedeford' . liberam . solutam . et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio et exatione . cum omnibus pertinentiis . libertatibus et obuentionibus suis que ad capellam contingunt . in puram et perpetuam elemosinam tenendam et regendam pro salute mea . et uxoris mee et puerorum meorum . et pro animabus patris mei et matris et fratrum meorum . et omnium antecessorum meorum. His testibus . Serlone capellano . Gilberto capellano . Willelmo Ruffo tunc temporis vicecomite de Bedeford' Willelmo et Symone filiis domini Symonis . Hugone de Oildebof . Waltero Ruffo . Roberto dalben' . Johanne de Pabeham Rogero de Brai . Hugone de Brai . Waltero Hacum . Milone Lohereng . Daud Lohereng . Hugone de Sancto Edwardo . Galfrido Ruffo . Ansketino clerico de Bedef' . Gilberto Bascot . Wimund Svote . Rodland' . Ricardo filio Moriz . Willelmo filio Folberth . Rogero Killeb' . Reginaldo Halidei . et totum commune de Bedeford'.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; uncoloured. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, long surcoat indented at bottom, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIG

The date is that of William Ruffus's tenure of the sheriffdom of Bucks. and Beds. For the donor's family see *BHRS* i. 1-24.

286

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Henry de Pinkeny confirming to Canons Ashby priory the gift of Robert de Ho and the confirmation of Richard of Culworth, Northants. (*Culewrith*), of 10 virgates of land in Weston and Weedon, Northants., with appurtenances to hold in fee along with all liberties and free customs as the said Robert and Richard held them. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Ricardo de Amundeuill' domino Roberto de Pinkeny domino Thoma de Arderne . domino Petro Cardun . domino Rogero de Trihamton' . Willelmo de Pinkeny . domino Roberto de Plumpton' Thoma de Grocen' Hugone de Burecote . Willelmo filio eius et aliis.' (1254-6.)

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, per pale, dexter, three fusils in fess [PINKENY]; sinister, three bars wavy; ✠ S' HENRICI DE PINRENI Cf. BM 12644

The witness Robert of Plumpton died in or before 1256 (*HKF* i. 88). If this charter is, as seems likely, the confirmation referred to in No. 161 above it is by Henry de Pinkeny who succeeded his father, another Henry, in 1254 (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 524).

287

Charter of Ralf de Aldeham granting to Christchurch, Canterbury, certain land which lies beside the wall of the monks' court and which Elfwin Euerga and his heirs held of him. (Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

Radulfus de Ældeham . omnibus fidelibus et amicis sancte ecclesie et suis ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Cant' . in perpetuam elemosinam ⁊ terram quandam que iacet iuxta murum curie monachorum a parte aquilonari . quam Elfwinus Euerga et heredes sui de me tenebant ⁊ & sex denarios . de gablo mihi annuatim inde reddebant. Hanc itaque terram pro salute anime mee et parentum meorum defunctorum . et pro salute heredum meorum tam presentum quam futurorum ⁊ dedi et concessi ecclesie Christi Cant' et monachis . in ea deo seruientibus . ita quiete et libere in perpetuum possidendam ⁊ sicut eam melius et liberius unquam habui. Et rogo omnes heredes meos et successores ⁊ ut hanc donationem meam quam feci pro salute anime mee et animarum suarum ⁊ ratam habeant . et semper in posterum stabilem et firmam esse faciant. Valete :

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, c. $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; brown. Equestrian, pointed helmet, surcoat, sword, shield with boss; ✠ SIGILLVM [RA]DVL[FI] DJE ANI.

No evidence to identify the grantor or the tenant of the land granted has been found. The handwriting and the formulas of the grant suggest a date in the reign of Henry II.

288

Charter of William earl of Gloucester confirming to Bruern abbey, Oxon., sixty-six acres in Over Rendcombe, Gloucs., which William de la Mare gave to the abbey. (1171-83)

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus comes Glow' ⁊ dapifero suo et baronibus suis et omnibus hominibus suis ⁊ salutem.¹ Sciatis me concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse donacionem quam Willelmus de la Mare fecit deo et beate Marie de Bruer' et monachis eodem loco deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam ⁊ scilicet de dominio suo de Vuerrindcumbe lxvi acras . a Bercrofta uersus boscum . et eundem boscum totum et pratum cum terra culta que est inter nemus et aquam . saluo meo seruicio. Testibus . Willelmo abbate

¹ Interlined.

de Kain' . Hamone de Valon' . Odone de Tichesia . Gilleberto Croc Roberto de la Mare . Gilleberto capellano . magistro Ernasio . Fulcone Waspail . Osberto clerico de Bureford.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 3 in.; red; much broken. A lion passant to the sinister, behind it a long sprig of foliage; GLO

The gift here confirmed is that contained in William de la Mare's charter printed by Round (*Ancient Charters*, PRS, x. 72), the date of which is 1171-83. Earl William died 23 Nov. 1183. See also No. 155 above.

289

Confirmation by Alan earl of Richmond to Thetford priory of the tithe of Nettlestead, Suff., as the monks had held it before his father had the manor in desmesne and as his father had confirmed it; and confirmation of the gift made by Gilbert de Glemham of the man named Howard, rendering 3 shillings in free alms. (1136-45)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: C. T. Clay, *The Honour of Richmond*, pt. ii. 350 (EYC v) from BS.

SEAL on tag: 3¼ in. round. Equestrian, obv. and rev.

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Charter of Ralf of Peasehall, Suff., son of Norman of Peasehall confirming to Sibton abbey, Suff., his father's gift of a meadow. (Early Henry III)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus de Peschal' filius Normanni de Peschal' concessi et hac presenti carta confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Sibbeton' donacionem quam eis fecit pater meus de prato quodam quod iacet ab occidentali parte abbacie de Sibbeton' inter pratum Willelmi de Falesham . et pratum Ricardi le Louerd . sicut carta patris mei quam inde habent' testatur. Hiis testibus Roberto filio Bond' . Radulfo de Hubbeston' . Nicholao de Heueningham . Reginaldo capellanis . Roberto Maleth . Ranulfo de Hanus . Willelmo filio eius . Radulfo filio Henrici de Peschal' . Normanno Munn' . Normanno Dereby . Gwillelmo de Bucheshal' et multis aliis.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, 1½ in.; green. Shield of arms, curved at top and sides, barry pily; ✠ SIGILLU' . RÆDVLRÍ : DE : PÆSC

Henry II not later than 1187 confirmed gifts of a Ralf of Peasehall to Sibton abbey (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 95). Norman son of Ralf of Peasehall and his son Ralf, the present grantor, witnessed No. 306 early in the 13th century. Norman was dead in 1217, when Ralf recovered his lands by the common writ (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 337b). In 1230 Ralf paid half a mark for an enrolment (*PR 14 Hen. III*, 140).

¹ Cf. BM 12596, last word PESEHALÆ.

291

Charter of Robert de Rames giving to Thetford priory the church of Little Bricett, Suff., and twelve acres of land from his demesne lying between that church and Offton. (1130-42)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Reimes concessi et dedi ecclesie sancte Marie et monachis de Tetford' ecclesiam de Minori Brisete cum pertinentiis suis . et duodecim acras terre de dominio meo . que iacent inter ipsam ecclesiam et Offet' in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Et monachi concesserunt mihi et heredibus meis fraternitatem . et orationes ecclesie sue. Testes . Galfridus filius Herlewini . Willelmus de Ambli . Jordanus de Brieset' . Adam capellanus de Offet' . Willelmus de Summersham . Ernaldus Chacheh' et plures alii.

SEAL on tag: round; uncoloured; fragmentary. Equestrian, pointed helmet, lance, shield with pointed boss, horse walking; no legend.

For the family of Rames see Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 399-404; the name is derived from Rames near Gommerville, Seine-Inférieure, a fief which passed by marriage to the family of Estouteville (*CDF*, No. 212). Robert and his brother Roger appear on the Pipe Roll of 1130 (p. 54) as each owing £50 for the lands of their father William; the amount shows William to be recently dead. Robert must have died without issue before 1142, when his lands were held by the sons of his brother Roger (Round, *G. de M.* 402). Another version of this charter, making the same gift with the same witnesses but with slight differences in the formal wording, is printed in *Mon.* v. 149 as 'Inter collectanea Jac. Strangeman in bibl. Cotton sub effigie Vitelli F. 4'. This second version is also found in Dodsworth MSS. xc, f. 107 v., a copy in Dodsworth's writing professing, apparently, to be taken from BS. Its origin appears to be a bad copy of the present charter. See No. 354 below.

292

Charter of Roger son of William of Huntingfield giving to Mendham priory a pasture in Mendham, and also granting a water meadow called 'Kingsholme'. (1198-1204)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus filius Willelmi de Huntingefeld assensu et uoluntate heredum meorum . dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et et¹ ecclesie beate Marie de Herst et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et pro anima Aliz de Seinliz uxoris mee et omnium amicorum meorum predecessorum et successorum illud pascuum quod iacet inter alnetum eorundem monachorum et fossam que diuidit pratum domini et illud pascuum et medietatem eiusdem prati uersuus¹ occidentem et de surplusagio dimidiam acram prati ibidem. Concedo etiam eisdem monachis holmum illud quod antiquitus appellabatur Kingsholm iuxta stangnum molendini Thome de Mendham . Hiis testibus .

¹ Sic.

Thoma de Mendh' Roberto filio Angot . Alano de Wideresdale . Willelmo Buhrt .
 Daud de Tikebrom . Willelmo filio Oslac . Willelmo uel Roberto disel . Willelmo
 Chantelu . Huberto Walt' de Fresingfeld . Oliuero de Curcun . Joce filio Jordani .
 Willelmo de Blancheuill' . Willelmo Nesewald.

SEAL on tag: round; green; fragmentary. Equestrian, long surcoat; no legend.

For the foundation of Mendham priory by William of Huntingfield, the grantor's father, see No. 355 below. A charter of Hugh abbot of St. Martin of Sées (*CDF*, No. 677) dated 1196 grants to Mendham priory St. Martin's portion of the church of Mendham with the assent of Roger of Huntingfield the patron; it is witnessed by O. de Corchun and Hubert Walter. Though Roger may have had rights of patronage he was not in possession of the land of Mendham until 1198 for the reasons given in the note to No. 325 below; this therefore is the earliest possible date for the present charter, and Roger died in 1204. Alice de Senlis, his wife, was probably related to the earls of Northampton. It is significant that Roger witnesses a charter of Walter fitzRobert (No. 305) whose mother, Maud de Senlis, was a daughter of Simon earl of Northampton, and also one of Saher de Quincy, Maud's son by her second husband, No. 282 above. For the early history of the Huntingfield family see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 671 et seq.

293

Quitclaim by Nicholas de Wancy, knight, to Robert of Gatton, knight, of all his right and claim in the manor of Catteshill, Surr. (13th century, not later than 1219)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Nicholaus de Wancy miles dimisi et quietum clamaui pro me et heredibus meis Roberto de Gattun' militi et heredibus suis totum jus meum et clameum quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui in manerio de Cateshale. Tenendum et habendum dictum manerium de Cateshelle dicto Roberto de Gattun' militi libere et quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario in perpetuum. Ita quod ego nec aliquis per me nec per heredes meos aliquod jus vel clameum de dicto manerio de Cateshelle exigere vel vendicare de jure poterimus. In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus . Johanne de Wyuile . Johanne de Caue . Johanne Blundel . Hamone de Gattun' militibus Rogero de Loges . Willelmo de Norhantun' . Johanne de Hammes . Willelmo Radulfo de Wilymtun' . Petro de la Tune . Johanne de Tonge . Bartholomeo de Curtboys' et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red; broken at top. Shield of arms, three gauntlets; **ChOLTY : DE : W**

Catteshill in Godalming, Surr., was held by the serjeanty of keeping the door of the king's chamber (see Round, *The King's Serjeants*, 98–108). Robert of Gatton had married Mabel the eldest of the five daughters and coheirs of Stephen of Thornham and Edeline del Brok, the heiress of Catteshill, which on her death descended to Mabel. Robert, however, was never in possession, for he was dead at Michaelmas 1219 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, viii. 24), in which year Edeline is returned as holding it (*Fees*, 273). There is no trace of Nicholas de Wancy having had any hereditary interest in Catteshill, and this quitclaim was probably a step in the settlement of the reversion. The witness Hamo of Gatton was Robert's son and heir, and as he is described as a knight the date is probably late in Robert's life. The hand in which the charter is written has the appearance of being considerably later in the 13th century than it actually is.

294

Charter of David earl of Huntingdon, brother of the king of Scotland, confirming to Clerkenwell priory, Middx., the gifts of Robert son of Sewin of Northampton, namely 140 acres of land in Hanger of Tottenham, Middx., the moiety of an island which Engelram had held, four tree-trunks from his wood of Tottenham, and ten pigs free of pannage. (circa 1188—circa 1200)

BS FACSIMILE.

Comes Daudid frater regis Scocc' omnibus hominibus suis de honore de Hunted' presentibus et futuris salutem. Noueritis uniuersi me concessisse . et presenti carta mea confirmasse . deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Clerkenwell' illas septies viginti acras terre in Hangre de Toteham . quas Robertus filius Sewini de Norhamton' eis dedit et medietatem unius insule . quam Engelrammus tenuerat et quatuor truncos ad ignem suum de bosco meo de Toteham . et decem porcos quietos a pannagio tenenda et habenda sibi in perpetuam elemosinam . ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice . sicut carta regis Willelmi fratris mei eis testatur et confirmat . saluo in omnibus seruitio meo . quod ego et antecessores mei inde habuimus. Hiis testibus Roberto de Basingham tunc senescallo meo . Radulfo Basset . Roberto Basset . Roberto de Mortuomari . Reginaldo de Acle . Symone de Sancto Licio Willelmo Burdet Galfrido de Waltervill' . magistro Petro de Paxton' . Ricardo filio Willelmi.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ in.; grey-green. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, surcoat indented at bottom, shield with a border; ✠ SIGILLU' DAVID COMITIS D . . . [FRATRIS] REGIS SCOCIE.

Cf. BM 15663-74

The earlier history of the land and rights here confirmed can be traced in the Clerkenwell cartulary (Cott. MS. Faustina B II) and have been set out in Robinson, *History of Tottenham High Cross*, 2nd ed. (1840) 257-9. Between 1136 and 1146 Henry earl of Huntingdon, son of David I of Scotland, gave them to Uchtred of London (Cartulary, f. 10 v.). Between 1157 and 1165 King Malcolm gave them to Robert son of Sewin, to whom Uchtred's heirs had quitclaimed them (Cott. Chart. xv. 19). William the Lion, probably soon after he had succeeded to the earldom in 1165, confirmed them to Robert, to whom the heirs of Uchtred had quitclaimed them. Thereafter Robert gave them to the priory. Since his gift was confirmed by William the Lion it is not likely to have been made later than 1174, when he lost the earldom. In 1818 the original charter was in the possession of Thomas Astle, F.S.A. (Robinson, loc. cit.). David, brother of Kings Malcolm and William the Lion, held the earldom from 1185 to 1216 (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 646). The present charter is later than No. 200, since Robert de Basingham has succeeded Hugh Ridel as steward. Peter was instituted to the church of Great Paxton about 1185 (*Reg. Antiq. Linc.*, LRS, iii. 159) and was living as an old man 1223-7 (*ibid.* 165). Robert Basset, Simon de Senlis, and William Burdet witness a charter of Earl David 1191-4 (*ibid.* 147). The date of the present charter seems to lie between circa 1188 and circa 1200. Robert son of Sewin held one knight's fee of Robert de Chokes in 1166 (*RB* 334), probably in Rothersthorpe, Northants. (*HKF* i. 41). From 1155 to 1174 he accounted for the farm of Northampton at the exchequer. See also No. 174 and note.

295

Resealing by Richard I of charter issued at Portsmouth on 30 April (1194) granting to Gilbert Basset and Egelina his wife a weekly market on Sunday in their manor of 'Strafford'. La Ferté-Bernard: 20 Jan. 1199.

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus dei gracia rex Anglorum dux Normannorum Aquitanorum . comes Andegauorum omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse Gileberto Basset et Egeline uxori eius et eorum heredibus quod forum habeant in manerio suo de Strafford' qualibet ebdomada die dominica; Testibus hiis Galfrido filio Petri . Willelmo de Sancte Marie Ecclesia Radulfo de Arden' Apud Portesm' xxx die Aprilis. Is erat tenor carte nostre in primo sigillo nostro . quod quia aliquando perditum fuit et dum capti fuimus in Alemannia . sub aliena potestate constitu[tum]¹ mutatum est; Innouacionis autem huius hii sunt testes; Willelmus frater noster comes Sar' Warinus filius Geroldi . Thomas Basset . Radulfus de Arden' et Willelmus de Stagno; Datum per manum Eustacii Eliensis episcopi cancellarii nostri apud Feritatem Barnard' xx die Januarii anno regni nostri decimo.

Fragments of seal on green string: grey-green; equestrian.

Gilbert Basset, son of Thomas Basset and Alice daughter of Alan de Dunstanville, married Egelina daughter of Reginald de Courtenay; Strafford was possibly part of her *maritagium*, but it has not been identified. The only year in which the king was at Portsmouth on 30 Apr. was 1194 (Landon, *Itin.* 92). This grant was confirmed by King John 21 Mar. 1200 (*Rot. Chart.* 39). Much information about Gilbert Basset will be found in White Kennett, *Parochial Antiquities*. The resealing at Le Ferté-Bernard supplies a new point in the king's itinerary.

296

Charter of Robert fitzWalter confirming to William son of William fitzRocelin 9 acres of land in Cantelof in Hethersett, Norf., which Peter le Blund gave him, and which William of Wheatacre, Norf., gave to Peter's father, Robert le Blund, in marriage with Alice his mother. (1200-30)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus filius Walteri concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Willelmo filio Willelmi filii Rocelini et heredibus suis . nouem acras terre cum pertinentiis in Cantelof que sunt de feodo meo quas Petrus Blundus dedit ei et heredibus suis per cartam suam . quas scilicet Willelmus de Whetacre dedit Roberto Blundo patri ipsius Petri cum Alicia matre sua in maritagio. Habendas et tenendas de predicto Petro et heredibus suis hereditarie . libere . quiete . reddendo inde annuatim sibi et heredibus suis unam libram cymini ad Natale pro omnibus seruiciis consuetudinibus et exactionibus² . saluo seruitio domini regis . scilicet ad xx^{ti}

¹ Supplied from other resealed charters.

² *Sic.*

solidos de scutagio cum venerit undecim denarios ad marcam octo denarios . sicut carta predicti Willelmi de Wetacre testatur quam dedit predicto Roberto Blundo et Alicie matri predicti Petri in maritagio . et sicut carta dicti Petri testatur : quam dedit quam dedit¹ predicto Willelmo filio Willelmi filii Recelini¹. Hiis testibus Willelmo Blundo . Waltero de Valeines . Fulcone Baniard' . Roberto filio suo Roberto Houel . Ricardo de Seinges Johanne de Lednes¹ . Johanne camerario Roberto filio Thome Alano de Hebingham Waltero de Cadamo Galfrido de Toft Ricardo de Wytewost Galfrido de Lund Galfrido de Lodnes et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; uncoloured. Equestrian, head obscured by tag, surcoat, shield and trappings with arms as on counterseal; below the horse a wyvern regardant with tail flory; [✠] SIGILLVM ROBERTI : FILII WALTERI

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{7}{16}$ in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms, a fess between two chevrons; ✠ SECRETVM : ROBERTI : FILII : WALTERI Cf. BM 6016, 9769

FitzRoscelin was adopted by the grantee as a surname and was so used by his son and heir John. William was living in 1230 (*PR 14 Hen. III*, 354), but dead by Trinity 1230, when his heir John fitzRoscelin was suing Lecia, William's widow, for waste (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 632). In 1206 William le Blund sued William fitzRoscelin for the manor of Hainton, Norf. (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iv. 107). There is no evidence that the plaintiff was connected with Peter le Blund, but he is probably identical with the first witness. Richard of Seething was a royal official and judge who first appears in 1190–1; see No. 405 below. He acted as undersheriff for Hubert de Burgh in Herefordshire in 1201. He does not appear later than 1226 (*Foss, Judges of England*). For the descent of Seething see *HKF* iii. 135–7. A list of fitzWalter fees in 1236 shows that Fulk Baynard and William of Wheatacre were alive, but Robert son of Thomas and Walter de Valognes were dead (*Fees*, 576). Walter was living in 1233 (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.* i. 109). Walter de Caen and Geoffrey of Loddon occur in 1221 (*ibid.* i. 73). The earlier limit of date is difficult to fix, but the handwriting suggests the middle of the period assigned.

297

Charter of Gilbert de Gant, earl of Lincoln, giving to William Basset four carucates of land in Barton upon Humber, Lincs. (circa 1148–56)

BS FACSIMILE.

Gilebertus de Gant comes Lincolnie omnibus baronibus & hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Willelmo Basset quatuor karucas terre infra Bartunam tenere de me et de herede meo hereditarie pro suo seruitio . in terra . et in aqua . et in pratis . et toftis . & in omnibus liberis consuetudinibus faciendo serui-
cium dimidii militis quousque tribuam ei decem libratas terre de mea hereditate. His testibus Philipo . Willelmo filio Walteri . Herbert filio Alart . Waltero de Grendale . Ricart Scrop . Gocelin de Bartune . Alain¹ de Boccetune . Waltero de Kilingholm . Willelmo Haslin . Hugo¹ Scrop . Willelmo filio Hugonis . Henri¹ filio Ricart.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.; grey-green; chipped. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield with arms barry, surcoat, long maunch on right wrist; horse walking; SIGILL' IE.

The limits of date are those of the donor's tenure of the earldom of Lincoln. His earliest occurrence as earl is in his foundation charter for Rufford abbey (*Mon.* v. 518); Rufford is said to have been founded

¹ Sic.

in 1148, but it does not follow that the charter was executed immediately: the later limit is his death in 1156. 'The arrangements described in this and the charter previously quoted suggest very strongly that when the ten *libratae terrae* were made up they would carry a full knight's service' (Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 159 n.). There is no trace of this Basset holding in Barton at a later time.

298

Charter of Gilbert de Gant giving to Geoffrey de Armenteres, in free marriage with Juliana his daughter, the service of 2 knights by reducing to Geoffrey and his heirs by Juliana the service due from the fee which his father Henry de Armenteres had held of Gilbert from 10 to 8 knights; he also quitclaims to Geoffrey the relief due by reason of his father's death. (before June 1210)

BS FACSIMILE.

Gilbertus de Gant uniuersis hominibus suis et amicis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Galfrido de Armenteres cum Juliana filia mea quam dedi ei in uxorem in liberum maritagium feudum et seruitium duorum militum in feudo quod pater suus Henricus de Armenteres tenuit de me ⁊ sub hac forma quod volo et concedo et presenti carta confirmo quod predictus Galfridus de Armenteres habeat et teneat bene et in pace libere et quiete in feudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus quos habebit de predicta Juliana filia mea totum feudum et tenementum quod pater suus Henricus et antecessores sui tenuerunt de me et antecessoribus meis per seruitium decem militum ⁊ faciendo inde mihi et heredibus meis seruitium viij militum pro omni seruitio ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente. Condonauī eciam et quietum clamaui predicto Galfrido de Armenteres totum releuium suum de predicto tenemento quod debuit mihi post obitum predicti Henrici patris sui ⁊ His testibus ⁊ Stephano de Gant fratre meo . Willelmo de Wilebi Waltero filio Walteri . Hugone de Trikingham . Waltero de Breitoft . Reginaldo de Gant . Henrico de Fuketun' . Elia de Areines Henrico de Norhamt' . Henrico de Diue . Willelmo Foliot . Jordano de Estr' . Michaelē Grimbald . Roberto de Estr' . Petro de Melsa . Willelmo de Cranewell' . Ricardo de Aldenebi . Willelmo filio Alvrīci . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; red; much chipped. An eagle displayed; ✠ SIGI

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 in.; red. Shield of arms, barry surmounted by a bend; ✠ SECRETVM GILBERTI DE GANT.

Gilbert de Gant was son of Robert de Gant and nephew of Gilbert de Gant, earl of Lincoln, and inherited the Gant honor; an account of him will be found in the *CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 674. In 1166 David de Armenteres (*Armere*) held 10 fees of the old feoffment of the honor of Gant then in the hands of Earl Simon de Senlis (*RB* 383). Henry de Armenteres, Geoffrey's father, was living at Michaelmas 1207 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, v. 41), but died before Hilary 1214, when his widow Reine was party to an assize of novel disseisin (*ibid.* vii. 63); at Trinity of that year Geoffrey occurs as party to a fine to be made at Michaelmas and was therefore of full age (*ibid.* vii. 218). A document forming part of this transaction was copied by Dodsworth (vol. 68, f. 3). It shows that the present charter was made earlier, probably by several years, than June 1210. See Introduction. A similar case in which Roger earl of Warwick provided a marriage portion for his daughter Agnes on her marriage with his undertenant Geoffrey of Glympton the younger by releasing the service of 10 knights has been dealt with by Round (*Ancestor*, xi. 153).

299

Charter of William de Luvetot giving to Richard son of Bernard four bovates in Woodhouse in Handsworth, Yorks., W.R. (1171-81)

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus de Luuetot omnibus hominibus suis Francis & Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse & hac presenti carta confirmasse Ricardo filio Bernardi pro seruicio & humagio suo illi & heredibus suis tenendas de me & de heredibus meis ⁊ quatuor bouatas terre in Wdehusing de dominio meo cum omnibus pertinenciis scilicet in bosco . in plano . in pratis . in pascuis . libere & quiete per seruicium militis . scilicet per seruicium uicesime octaue partis feodi unius militis . et excepto forensi seruicio racionabili. His testibus . scilicet Matildi de Luuetot sponsa mea . Roberto de Sumeruilla iuueni . Roberto Britone . Rogero de Colistuna . Radulfo clerico . Petro filio Ade . Willelmo filio Jordani de Trettuna . Willelmo Arang . Radulfo de Waudirself.

SEAL on tag: round; yellow; fragmentary. Equestrian, galloping horse only.

For the family of Luvetot, which took its name from Louvetot near Yvetot, Seine-Inférieure, see *EYC* iii. 3-6. William the donor succeeded his father Richard, who died in 1171, and died himself in 1181; for his wife, a daughter of Walter fitzRobert of Dunmow, see *Rot. de Dominabus*, PRS, 67.

300

Charter of Peter de Ripario confirming to Walden abbey, Ess., the yearly sum of 2 shillings payable at Michaelmas from the mill of Sturmer, Ess., which his wife Rohese de Helion gave. (Late 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Petrus de Ripario omnibus hominibus et amicis suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse . et presenti carta confirmasse deo et monasterio Sancti Jacobi de Waled' et monachis ibidem consistentibus illam perpetuam elemosinam quam Roesia de Helion uxor mea illis dedit . scilicet duos solidos in molendino suo de Sturmere annuatim percipiendos in die sancti Michaelis. Hanc etiam donationem sigilli mei robore communiui. His testibus . Roberto capellano . Willelmo Caluo . Gileberto filio Ade . Ricardo Albo.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; brown. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, two bars; ✠ SIGILLVM PETI . DE RIVERIA :

For the early history of the family of Helion of Helion Bumpstead and its Breton origin see Round in *Essex Arch. Soc. Trans.*, N.S. viii. 187. In 1214-15 John the chamberlain and Philip de Burnham each held half a knight's fee in Sturmer of William de Helion (*Fees*, 233). The date of this charter must be near the close of the 12th century; in 1195 Rohese de Helion paid half a mark in Essex for novel disseisin (*PR 7 Ric. I*, 224).

301

Charter of William de Anesye giving, with the consent of his heir William de Anesye, his land of Sherfield English, Hants, which is his own acquisition, with all its appurtenances, namely 30 shillings in Lockerley, Hants, and the land of Embley to his son Richard de Anesye to hold of his lord Henry de Port. Basing (circa 1120-40)

BS FACSIMILE. Plate V.

Willelmus de Anisi omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse terram meam de Sirefeldia que de acato meo est cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . uidelicet xxx solidos in Locherlea . et terram de Emmelea . Ricardo de Anisi filio meo et heredibus suis libere et . quiete tenendam in bosco et in plano et in pascuis de domino meo Henrico de Port et heredibus suis . concessu et uoluntate Willelmi de Anisi heredis mei. Et ego feudum illud consilio amicorum et parium meorum domino meo Henrico de Port reddidi assensu Willelmi de Anisi heredis mei . et ipse dominus meus Henricus de Port Ricardum de Anisi filium meum de eodem feudo seisiauit . et homagium suum recepit . in eodem seruicio quo ego seruiui . uidelicet seruicio unius militis. Et idem Ricardus aquietauit me de xj libris pro seruicio eiusdem feudi quod retro fuit apud dominum meum Henricum de Port. His testibus . Willelmo de Port . Johanne de Port . Reginaldo de Port . Henrico de Port . Radulfo de Port . Rogero de Escures . et Matheo filio eius . Roberto de Heriet et Alfredo . et Henrico filiis suis . Henrico de Breibue . et Hugone filio suo . Hugone de Arundel . et Willelmo de Arundel . Herberto de Burhun . Galfrido de Barneuille . Johanne de Hastings . Radulfo de Dunmere . Roberto de Dunmere . Eruico de Basli . Radulfo de Basli . Randulfo de Anisi . Iuone de Anisi . Willelmo filio Rogeri . Nicholao filio suo . et Johanne . Andrea et Samsone . Cresp pincerna . et Roberto filio suo . Wire parcario et filiis suis . Roberto Sor . Ricardo de Dene . Roberto de Manerio et Jordano nepote suo . Roberto Brun . et pluribus aliis. Apud Basinges.

SEAL on cord: round, 2½ in.; green; broken on sinister side. On a chair with animal-head terminals, a seated figure wearing robe and mantle, a sword in his right hand; in the field on his right a pig rampant to the dexter; DE ANISI REGIS DI[SPENS]ATORIS.¹

From the point of view of the organization of feudal society in England this is one of the most interesting charters in the whole book, for it displays the composition of the honorial court and sets it in motion before our eyes. The witnesses to the charter were the members of the court and the surrender and regrant were made, the charter records, with the counsel of the grantor's friends and peers (see Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 58-60). The land was the grantor's own acquisition *de acato meo*. A man had a better right as against his expectant heir to alienate land he had himself acquired than that which had come to him by inheritance (see Pollock and Maitland, *History of English Law*, 2nd ed. ii. 308). The surrender to the lord who thereupon regrants to the man to whom the tenant wishes to give or sell the land was a means of avoiding a sub-tenancy. The grantee became the immediate tenant of the chief lord of the fee. In the *carta* of John de Port, son and heir of the Henry de Port of this charter, Richard de Anesia is returned

¹ The letters in square brackets are inserted in the drawing in pencil.

as holding one fee of the old feoffment (*RB* 208). He must be the grantee of this charter, or his successor. The elder line was at that time represented by William de Anesye, who occurs on the Pipe Roll under Wiltshire in 1165 and 1167 (*PR 11 Hen. II*, 59 and *13 Hen. II*, 131). William de Anesye, the grantor of this charter, describes himself on his seal as *regis dispensator*. Among the Wiltshire serjeanties in 1198 is the entry 'Willelmus de Anesya iij carucatas et valent vj li.' (*Fees*, 12). The Wiltshire list in the returns to the 1212 inquest records 'Willelmus de Anesy iiij hidas per serjanteriam dispensatoris larderii' (*RB* 486). The dispenser serjeanty is carried back to Henry I's reign by the seal of the grantor of this charter. The subsequent history of the knight's fee here granted raises a curious problem, for it looks as if the mesne tenancy, so laboriously prevented when this present charter was made, ultimately came into being. The returns of 1242-3 record that Robert de Anesya holds one fee in Sherfield of the old feoffment of Richard de Anesya, who holds of the chief lord who holds of the king (*Fees*, 694). There seems to have been no other Anesya tenure of Port save this one fee. The intermediate tenant, Richard de Anesya, of the 1242-3 return is the representative of the elder line. He occurs under Wiltshire in 1236 as holding 4½ hides by serjeanty (*Fees*, 586).

The limits of date are not easy to determine. The fact that the fee is described as of the old enfeoffment in 1166 suggests that the charter was made before 1135. It is, however, most likely that in 1166, the date of the original enfeoffment of William de Anesye by his lord was regarded as marking the creation of this fee rather than the present charter. A comparison of the witnesses with those of a charter of Henry de Port printed by Mr. Salter (*Oxford Charters*, No. 14) and dated by him 1120-30 suggests that the two charters are not very far separated in time. The present charter seems a little the later of the two, for the sons of Roger de Scures and Henry de Breiboue witness with their fathers. The period 1120-40 is therefore tentatively suggested.

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Charter of Bernard de Baliol I giving to Gerold de Dumart, his kinsman, Faxton, Northants., with all pertaining thereto, in exchange for all the land which Gerold's father and afterwards Gerold himself should have held overseas of the donor.
(circa 1150)

BS FACSIMILE. Plate VI.

B. de Balloel' omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis omnes quod ego dedi Fachestonam et omnia ei pertinentia Geroldo de Domnomedardo cognato meo et heredibus suis tenere de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et in hereditate pro seruicio suo et pro escambio tocius illius terre quam pater eius de me tenere debebat ultra mare et Geroldus postea per seruicium quatuor militum faciendum ita quod Guido de Balloel et Bernardus frater eius concesserunt. Testibus istis Eng' de Balloel Bernardo Borne . Ebrardo de Punchez . Widone de Albolval . Nichole de Niweton¹ . Waltero de Langueton . Jordan de Waruwic . Amelio presbitero . Roberto filio Dalfin . Hugone de Stainton . Warino Trainez . Randulfo de Glovecestria . Eng' de Coldroi . Ailmero de Castello . Guntero priloldo . Ansello de Sainz . Ricwardo de Faiella . Willelmo de Stochaleia . Rainero fratre suo . Orm' preposito.

Strip only for seal.

This charter reveals the origin of the tenure of Faxton by the family of Dumart. For the Baliol family see *Northumberland County History*, vi. 14 et seq. While the descent of the main line is satisfactorily

¹ The original charter was defective. The capital N is conjecturally supplied.

Will de Ansi omibz hominibz suis francis Anglis sat. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse terram meam de Syrefeldia que de acato nu
 omibz pmentiss suis uidelicet. xxx. sot in locheplea. et terram de emmelea. Ricardus de Ansi filio meo et heredibz suis libere
 uere tenenda in bosco et in plano et in pascuis de dno meo henrico de port et heredibz suis. concessu et uoluntate Will
 Ansi heredis mei. Et ego feudum illud qd filio Amicoru et parru meoru dno meo henrico de port reddidi assensu Will
 Ansi heredis mei. et ipse dñs meus henricus de port Ric de Ansi filiu meum de eodem feudo fessauit. et hominibz
 me recepit. meode seruncio q ego seruui uidelicet seruncio unu militis. Et idem Ric acquietauit me de xi. li.
 seruncio eidem feudi qd retro fuit apud dñm meum henricum de port. Hys Testibz. Will de port. Joh de
 Reginaldo de port. henrico de port. Radulfo de port. Rogero de esuyres. et Matheo filio ei. Robto de heriet
 ffredo. et henrico filius suis. henrico de breibue. et hugone filio suo. hugone de Arundel. et Will de Arun
 Robto de burhun. Galfrido de barneule. Joh de hastinges. Radulfo de dūmeire. Robto de dūmeire. Gu
 de basli. Radulfo de basli. Randulfo de Ansi. Juone de Ansi. Will fil Rogi. Nicholao filio suo. et Joh. And
 Samson. Gresp pincerna. et Robto filio suo. Wipe paycario. et filius suis. Robto for. Ric de dene. Robto de m
 erio et Jordano nepote suo. Robto brun. et pluribz aliis. Apud basinges.



B. & Balloet Ommbz hōibz suis francis & anglis sat. Sciatis omnes qđ ego dēi facheſtonā &
oīa ei pmetia geroldo & dōnomedardo Cognato meo & heredibz suis tenere & me & heredibz
meis in feudo & in hereditate p seruiCIO suo & p escambio totius illius terre quam pater
eius & me tenere debebat ultra mare & gerold⁹ postea p seruiCIum quatuor militū
faciendum Ita qđ Guido & Balloet & Bernard⁹ fr̄ ei concesserūt. Testibz istis eng⁹ & Balloet B.
nardo bozne. Ebrardo & puncher. Widoē & albolval. Nichole & i. Werton. Walto & lan
gueton. Jordan & Warusric. Amelio p̄sbit⁹. Robto filio dalfin. hugoē & stantron. Harino
tramez. Randulfo & Glovecestria. Eng⁹. & Coldron. Ailmero & castello. Guntero p̄loldo
ansello & p̄anz. Ricardo & fauella. Wilto & stochaleid. Krunero fr̄e suo. Orm p̄posito

established, the view put forward that Bernard I was immediately succeeded by his fourth son, Bernard II, seems to require reconsideration. The last certain date in the life of Bernard I is 27 Apr. 1147, when at Paris in the presence of Pope Eugenius III he granted land near Hitchin to the Templars with the consent of his eldest son Ingelram (Lees, *Records of the Templars*, 213). There is no evidence that Ingelram succeeded his father and if, as is likely, he predeceased him the death of Bernard I probably occurred some little time after 1147. By a charter dated 1171 Bernard de Baliol II confirmed to the abbey of Selincourt the gifts of his father Bernard and his brother Eustace (*Cartulaire*, No. 112, printed *Mém. Soc. antiq. de Picardie*, xl. 189); this shows Eustace to have succeeded his father in the French lands and himself to have been succeeded by his brother. Turning to England Guy de Baliol confirmed to St. Mary's abbey, York, the church of Gainford which his father Bernard had previously confirmed, and thereafter Bernard II also confirmed (*EYC* i, No. 561 *n.*). Again by a charter which Farrer dates *circa* 1150–5 Adam of Ingleby gave the mill of Ingleby to Whitby abbey (*ibid.* i, No. 569); this gift was confirmed by Guy de Baliol by a charter of about the same date (No. 570), and subsequently Bernard II confirmed it for the souls of his father and mother and of his brother Guy (No. 571). Here there seems an equally clear succession by Guy to Bernard I, and by Bernard II to Guy. Whether Guy and Eustace each in turn held both the English and French lands, or whether there was a partition, Guy taking the English and Eustace the French, may be doubtful, but Bernard II ultimately succeeded to both and was already in possession of the English lands in 1162 when the sheriff of Yorkshire made a render of £20 for his scutage (*PR 8 Hen. II*, 52).

The present charter states that Gerold de Dumart and his father should have held land overseas of the grantor, and this enables us to trace the family to Dumart-en-Pontieu (dep. Somme, arr. Doullens); a Bernard de Domno Medardo is mentioned as a donor in a charter of Guy I, count of Ponthieu, of 6 Oct. 1100 (Brunel, *Recueil des actes des comtes de Pontieu*, 13). The subsequent devolution of Faxton has been exhaustively treated by Mr. Baker-Cresswell and Dr. Craster in a paper on the manor of Ellington in Northumberland (*Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th ser. v. 1). It should be noted that the manor of Faxton included lands in Walgrave, Moulton, and Mawsley (*Fees* 941; Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 158). The kinship between Baliol and Dumart referred to in the present charter was through Gerold's mother, since his brother and successor Ingelram de Dumart refers to a certain Walter de Baliol as his *avunculus* in a charter printed by Sir Frank Stenton (*op. cit.* 275), but Walter's place in the Baliol pedigree has not been determined; see further *Rot. de Dominabus*, PRS, v. 23 and *n.* Since both Bernard de Baliol I and his eldest son Ingelram are alive this charter cannot be much later than 1150; on the other hand, it can hardly be much earlier since Gerold's sister Emma lived till 1211 (*Arch. Aeliana*, loc. cit. 3).

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Charter of Robert Bigot, earl of Norfolk, son and heir of Hugh Bigot, sometime earl of Norfolk, giving to Stephen of Seagrave, justiciar of England, 10 'libratae' of land in his manor of Settrington, Yorks., E.R. (1232–4)

ORIGINAL: Add. Chart. 17735.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus Bigot comes Norfolchie filius et heres H. Bigot quondam com[itis Norfolchie]¹ dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui domino Stepfano de Segraue Justiciario Anglie decem libratas terre in manerio meo de Seteringtone cum pertinenciis tenendas et habendas illi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis libere quiete honorifice bene et in pace per seruicium quarte partis unius militis. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto domino

¹ Supplied from BS.

S. de Segraue et heredibus suis predictam terram cum pertinentiis contra omnes homines. Et ut hec mea donacio concessio carte confirmacio rata sit et firma presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione roborau. Hiis testibus . domino Oliuero de Vallibus . Herberto de Alencon Willelmo Lenuise tunc senescallo . Radulfo de Wauncy . Rogero de Vallibus . Ricardo de Strattone Rogero de Thurkelbi . Nicolao persona de Framigham . Thoma le Bigot et aliis.

Endorsed: De x libratis terre in manerio de Seterington' in comitatu Ebor'. (Late 13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{7}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet with visor, hauberk of mail, surcoat, sword, shield with arms as on counterseal; in base a lion passant to the sinister; ✠ SIGILL
GOT COMITIS IE. BM 5708

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{13}{16}$ in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms, a cross; ✠ SECRETVM ROGERI BIGOT .
COMITIS : NORFOLCHIE

Settrington in the East Riding appears to have been the head of the little honor of 'Insula'. Robert de Insula held it in Henry I's reign. It appears in 1166 on the Bigot carta as *feodum Albrede de Insula* on which were $10\frac{1}{2}$ enfeoffed knights (RB 397, see *Hist. MSS. Com. Rutland Rep.* iv. 3). Stephen of Seagrave, Leics., held office as justiciar from 29 July 1232 until May 1234. This is the only one of the charters in the possession of Sir William le Neve in 1640 that has so far found its way into public custody.

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Charter of Hugh du Puiset, bishop of Durham, giving to Ralf son of Ralf son of Ulfwet three carucates of land in Hotham, Yorks., which his ancestors held. (1154-63)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: EYC ii, No. 971, from Dodsworth MSS., xc, f. 146 v.

.H. dei gracia Dunelmensis episcopus . omnibus hominibus suis . Francis et Anglis . salutem. Notum sit uobis me dedisse & concessisse Radulfo filio Radulfi filii Vlfwet . terram quam antecessores sui tenuerunt de meis antecessoribus in Hothum . scilicet tres carrucatas . reddendo mihi et meis successoribus xxvj solidos pro omni seruicio singulis annis . liberam et quietam ab omni alio seruicio . et consuetudine. Teste Eurardo de Pusat . Bertram uicecomite . Thoma filio Vlfwet . et Thoma filio eius . et Adam filio eius . Radulfo Nobili . Willelmo filio Tosti . Tebaldo de Monasterio uillari . Gaufrido clerico de Cranbum . Anscet' de Bulemer.

SEAL¹ on strip, riband above: pointed oval, c. $3\frac{1}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. The bishop standing in mass vestments, blessing, crozier in left hand; [✠] HVGO : DEI : GRATIA [: DVN]ELMENSIS : EPISCO[PVS]

See Farrer's note on this charter. The copy by Dodsworth is defective. Hugh was consecrated bishop of Durham at Rome by Anastasius IV on 20 Dec. 1153; Bertram de Bulmer ceased to be sheriff of Yorkshire at Michaelmas 1163: Farrer's limits of 1153-66 therefore require correction.

¹ Cf. BM 2440; Greenwell and Blair, *Durham Seals*, 3114A; *Archaeologia*, lxxii, pl. i, No. 6.

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Charter of Walter fitzRobert giving to Robert son of Ulf of Dunwich two acres and a half from his park of Ubbeston, Suff., beside the boundary of Laxfield. (Early Henry II: not later than 1165)

BS FACSIMILE.

Walterus filius Roberti . omnibus hominibus suis et amicis Francis et Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem: Sciatis dedisse et me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Roberto filio Vlfi de Donewic' duas acras terre et dimidiam acram terre de parco meo de Vbest' juxta diuisam de Laxfeld' in fedo et in hereditate sibi et heredibus suis tenendum de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete faciendo inde seruitium quadragesime partis unius militis pro omni seruicio. Et propter hanc donationem et concessionem dedit mihi predictus Robertus duo bisanza et Matildi uxori mee unum bisanzium. Testibus . Rogero filio Willelmi de Huntingef' . Hern' Ruffo . Odone de Cokef' . Willelmo filio Hereuei . Teobaldo Pallto . Willelmo de Dauentre . Nicolao de Writel' . Edmundo clerico . Willelmo . W. de Koc.

SEAL on plaited cord: indecipherable. A black blob has been painted over the middle of the drawing of the seal and under it can be seen traces of an equestrian figure.

For Walter fitzRobert, the ancestor of the fitzWalters, see *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 472 *n*. The evidence of date is somewhat scanty since Walter succeeded his father in 1136 and lived till 1198, and though he was twice married both his wives were named Maud. An Ernisius Ruffus occurs in Essex in 1162 (*PR* 8 *Hen. II*, 70), and at Michaelmas 1165 Jordan nephew of Gervase of Cornhill owed £100 for marrying the widow of Ernisius Ruffus without licence (*PR* 11 *Hen. II*, 33). The witness Odo of Cockfield held one knight's fee of Walter fitzRobert in 1166 (*RB* 348), and no other man of that name seems to occur. Roger son of William of Huntingfield would have been of an age to witness charters in the early years of Henry II's reign (see No. 355 below). No holding of one-fortieth of a knight's fee is included in Walter's return of 1166, but in 1236 Robert de Hauville held that amount of Robert fitzWalter in Ubbeston (*Fees*, 577).

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Charter of Herbert de Alençon, son of William de Alençon, confirming to Sibton abbey all the land of his fee which Richard Turgis gave to the monks. (Temp. John)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Herbertus de Alenc' . filius Willelmi de Alenc' . concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et ecclesie sancte Marie . et monachis . de Sibeton' . totam terram quam Ricardus Turgis eis dedit de feodo meo . ut ipsi monachi eam habeant et teneant bene . et in pace . libere et quiete . integre . cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus ad eandem terram spectantibus in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam : sicut predictus Ricardus eis dedit et carta sua confirmauit. Et liceat eisdem monachis facere de eadem terra sicut de dominica et libera elemosina sua dare vendere et assignare libere et licite cuicunque uoluerint. Et ego et heredes

mei nullam districtionem molestiam uel grauamen faciemus eisdem monachis . uel cuicunque terram predictam dederint uel aliquo modo assignauerint pro defectu alicuius seruitii quod prenominatus Ricardus . uel heredes sui debent mihi et heredibus meis facere . nisi tantum pro scutagio domini regis . scilicet xij denariis . siue plus siue minus fuerit : si ipse Ricardus et heredes sui defecerint in soluendo. Testibus Stephano presbitero . Normanno de Peseshall' . Radulfo filio eius Waltero Malet' . Willelmo de Falesh' . Willelmo . Gaufrido filio eius . Baldewino de Charnell' . Roberto Jurd' . Gaufrido filio eius . Rannulfo cementario.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; brown; chipped on dexter side. Shield of arms, six [?] mallets¹ three, two and one; SIGILL' : HERBERTI : DE : A VH²

Herbert de Alençon, a judge and royal official, appears first as a litigant in Suffolk in 1203 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, ii. 160); he was sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk 1227–32. This charter, however, must be earlier than 1217, when the witness Norman of Peasenhall had been succeeded by his son Ralf (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 337b). The careful drafting of the terms of this charter may reflect the profession of the grantor. On the other hand, the clause touching distress in this and the following charter is similar and both documents may have been drafted in the abbey.

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Charter of Warin son of Henry son of Gerold (Warin fitzGerold), the king's chamberlain, confirming to Sibton abbey, Suff., all the tenement which Gilbert of Tuddenham, Suff., gave or sold and which Gilbert's son Roger confirmed. (1193–1216)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus . Warinus filius Henrici filii Geroldi camerarius domini regis . salutem. Notum sit uobis quod ego Guarinus concessi etiam hac mea carta confirmaui deo et sancte Marie de Sibbetune . et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus totum tenementum quod Gilebertus de Tudeham eis dedit in elemosinam . uel uendidit sicut eius carta testatur . et carta Rogeri filii eius confirmat. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi habeant et teneant predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinentiis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio . et seculari exactione. Et si forte contigerit quod aliquid de scutagio . uel seruicio . uel aliquo debito defuerit : nec ego nec heredes mei distringemus nec uexabimus predictos monachos nec catalla eorum propter aliquem defectum predicti Gileberti uel heredum ipsius. Hiis testibus . Alicia de Curci uxore mea . Johanne de Ferles tunc seneschallo . Henrico de Curcune . Willelmo de Leyham . Petro de Mara Helyseo de Gipewiz . Thoma Basset . Stephano de Essefeld . Radulfo de Merc . Ricardo balistario . Radulfo de Wanci . Roberto capellano qui hanc cartam scripsit.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; red. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, two lions passant guardant; ✠ SIGILL' WARINI : FILII : GEROLDI:

¹ Trapezium-shaped tops with handles vertically below.

² Query recte VN

The locality of the gifts confirmed is not stated, but by a charter of 1163 Henry II confirmed to Sibton abbey the heath of Sudhet (? near Chippenham, Cambs.) and 20 acres of land there given by Gilbert of Tuddenham (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 96), and by another charter between 1169 and 1187 he confirmed the gift by Roger son of Gilbert of land in Tuddenham, Suff. (*ibid.* ii. 95); it is possible but not certain that it is Gilbert's gift above-mentioned which is here confirmed. Warin fitzGerold, the king's chamberlain, married Alice sister and heir of William de Curcy IV of Stogursey after the death of her first husband Henry of Cornhill in 1193 (*HKF* i. 108) and before Michaelmas 1197 (*PR 9 Ric. I*, 48). He was living on 28 May 1216 (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 272), but dead on 15 July following (*ibid.* i. 277).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. French.

Letters patent of Edward earl of Rutland and Cork appointing William Mackerney to be deputy to Baldwin Berford, in the office of Justice of his forests, by reason of the ill health of the said Baldwin. Sealing clause. Queenborough, Kent: 29 Sept. 1401.

SEAL on strip cut half-way across document: round, 2½ in.; red. Shield of arms, Royal arms with a label of five points; on either side an ostrich feather each with a scroll unlettered; at the base two lions sejant addorsed; sig . . . m : ro¹ comitis : . . . ork ∞ ♣ :

The grantor was son and heir apparent of Edmund of Langley, duke of York, 5th son of Edward III. He became duke of York on his father's death 1 Aug. 1402² and died without issue, being slain at Agincourt.

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Charter of John de Beauchamp giving to Hubert of Braiseworth, Suff., 31 acres of land in his village of Beauchamp Roding, Ess., and the whole messuage which Richard Akerman held. (1221-31)

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes de Bello campo dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmaui Huberto de Brisewithe pro homagio et seruicio suo triginta et unam acram¹ terre mee in villa mea de Roinges et totum messuagium quod Ricardus Akerman tenuit de me. Et sciendum quod quatuor decim acre et dimidia acra iacent in croftis quas idem Ricardus tenuit de me et una acra et dimidia iacent in campo apud Wic inter terram ecclesie de Roinges et inter terram Roberti Oselur et quindecim acre iacent inter terram quam Ricardus Wygod tenuit et inter defensum meum . et totam grauam que uocatur la Ho. Habendas et tenendas de me et de heredibus meis . sibi et heredibus suis . libere quiete . integre . bene et in pace . in feudo et hereditate in viis in semitis . in sepibus . in antris . in pascuis in introitibus et in exitibus cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis predicto tenemento pertinentibus. Reddendo inde per annum mihi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui tresdecim denarios . scilicet . ad Pasca sex denarios et obulum . et ad festum sancti Michaelis sex denarios et obulum pro omnibus seruiciis et exactionibus . saluo seruicio domini Regis . scilicet ad scutagium quando euenerit per Angliam due marce de feudo unius militis . tunc predictus Hubertus et heredes sui dabunt duodecim denarios et ad plus plus et ad minus minus. Ego autem Johannes de Bellocampo et heredes mei warantizabimus prenominato

¹ Sic.

² BM 12674 is his later seal after his succession.

Huberto et heredibus suis totas prenominate terras et predictam grauam cum omnibus suis pertinentiis contra omnes homines et feminas per predictum seruicium. Pro hac autem mea donacione et concessione et huius carte mee confirmacione et sigilli mei impressione dedit mihi prenominate Hubertus . viginti et quinque libras esterlingorum in gersummam. Hiis testibus . Willelmo Bretun Willelmo de Herlaue . Galfrido de Herun militibus . Roberto de Roinges . Roberto de Cranele . Willelmo de Boseuill' Hugone de Bellocampo . Roberto de la More . Roberto Bramwod . Waltero filio Ricardi . Stefano de Plesingho Thoma de Fifide et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; grey-green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, fretty; ✠ SIGILLVM IOHANNIS . DE BELLO CAMPO.

John de Beauchamp of Eaton, Beds., succeeded his uncle Roger de Beauchamp in 1221 and died in 1231; see *BHRS* ii. 78-9. He was the son of Olive de Beauchamp, sister of Roger de Beauchamp by William fitzGeoffrey who between 1200 and 1203 slowly paid off on the Essex account in the Pipe Roll a debt of 50 marks for the confirmation of his charter. He was a member of the Mandeville family, although his exact position is not clear. Roding was Mandeville land. John de Beauchamp leased Roding to Ralf bishop of Chichester, the chancellor, for 10 years in 1231 (*ibid.*).

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Charter of Ralf d'Aubigny giving to Ralf de Belfou half a carucate in Aubourn, Lincs. (circa 1160-76)

BS FACSIMILE, first 2 words.

Radulfus de Aubeni . omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Notum sit uobis omnibus me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Radulfo de Beafo et heredibus suis dimidiam caruatam¹ terre in Alburne . duas scilicet bouatas que fuerunt Galfridi uaccarii et duas que fuerunt Osmundi carpentarii cum tofto qui fuit Osmundi predicti in eadem uilla cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in pratis in pasturis infra uillam et extra et in omnibus locis in feudo et hereditate pro homagio suo et seruicio sibi et heredibus suis tenendam de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete et honorifice per uicesimam partem seruicii unius militis. His testibus Willelmo Guer' . Willelmo de Bereuill' . Halfredo de Hadingtun . Roberto de Meinil Roberto filio Hugonis . Johanne filio Iwani Halfredo filio Line . Johanne filio Radulfi . Jordano filio Jocelini . Radulfo de Bereuill Willelmo de Hadingtun et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; grey. A beast with a dog's head, a lion's tail, and a bird's claws passant to the sinister; ✠ SIGILLVM : RADVLFI DE AVBENI.

Ralf d'Aubigny was a younger brother of William d'Aubigny Brito II of Belvoir, see *Hist. MSS. Com. Rutland Rep.* iv. 100 and 106. The donee was Ralf de Belfou of Seaton, Rut., who held five knights' fees of Hubert de Rye in 1166 (*RB* 401). For the family see Farrer, *HKF* iii. 110 et seq. It is clear that Ralf had a son Thomas who had succeeded him by 1176 (*PR 22 Hen. II*, 70) and who occurs under Rutland in 1180 (*PR 26 Hen. II*, 88). The latest limit of date for this charter is 1176. The earliest limit is not likely to be earlier than 1160.

¹ *Sic.*

3II

Charter of Geoffrey fitzPeter, earl of Essex, giving to William son of Adam Aignel of Redbourn a virgate of land which Ralf son of Emma once held in Hemel Hempstead, Herts., and all the assart called Fifteen Acres, and six acres and three roods with a messuage. (1199–1213)

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Petri comes Essexie dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui Willelmo filio Ade Aignel' de Redburne pro homagio et seruicio suo totam illam virgatam terre cum omnimodis pertinentiis suis quam Radulfus filius Emme tenuit aliquando in Hemelhamsted et totam essartum cum pertinentiis suis quod appellatur Quindecim Acre . et preterea sex acras et tres rodas cum pertinentiis suis cum mesuagio et omnimodis pertinentiis suis sicut Agnes de Bonindon' illud melius et liberius et quiccius tenuet¹ die qua fuit viua et mortua. Et volo quod predictus Willelmus Aignel et heredes sui habeant et teneant omnes predictas terras cum omnimodis pertinenciis cum dicto mesuagio et omnibus pertinenciis suis de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum bene et in pace et honorifice . integre libere et quiete et finabiliter per seruicium quadraginta solidorum mihi et heredibus meis annuatim ad quatuor terminos reddendorum . videlicet ad Natale . ad Pascha . ad vincula sancti Petri et ad festum sancti Michaelis . ad unumquemque terminum decem solidos pro omnibus seruiciis querelis consuetudinibus et demandis ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinentibus. Et ego Galfridus filius Petri et heredes mei warantizabimus omnia predicta tenementa cum omnimodis pertinenciis suis predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis in perpetuum contra omnes homines et omnes feminas per seruicium antedictum. Pro hac autem donacione et concessione et confirmacione et warantizacione mei et heredum meorum predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis dedit mihi sepedictus Willelmus quinquaginta marcas in gersummam. Hiis testibus . Radulfo Cheinduit . Gileberto Croc tunc constabulario . Willelmo de Ferendun' Simone Cheinduit . Thoma de Flanden' . Galfrido de Childewic . Galfrido Noel . Adam Agno . Hugone filio Yuonis . Nicholao de Bolestde . Geruasio de la Bruere . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red; edge chipped. Equestrian, open helmet, sword, surcoat, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIG E.

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. A sexfoil; no legend.

This charter by no means represents a simple gift. In the Public Record Office there is a charter by which Richard son of Simon with the advice and assent of Agnes his wife gives to William son of Adam Aignel for his homage and service the virgate which Ralf son of Emma held in Hemel Hempstead and which Richard had bought of Gilbert son of William Stiward; rendering therefor 2 shillings yearly to Gilbert and doing the service due to the court of Hemel Hempstead (Ancient Deed C 1933; *Cat.* ii. 464). By another charter Henry son of Geoffrey son of Simon quitclaims the same virgate to William Aignel, as the charter of Richard son of Simon, his uncle, and the confirmation of Geoffrey son of Simon, his father, witness; he also quitclaims the assart which his uncle Richard had held; for this William gave Henry

¹ *Sic.*

12 shillings (Ancient Deed C 3918; *Cat.* vi. 19). Some witnesses are common to all three charters. No charter dealing with the remaining parcel of a messuage, six acres, and three roods has been traced. The present charter would seem to be in effect a confirmation and consolidation by the chief lord of the several holdings which the grantee had acquired. It may be noted that Agnell's Farm still exists in Hemel Hempstead (*PNS Hertfordshire*, 42). The limits of date assigned are those of Geoffrey fitzPeter's tenure of the earldom.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Charter of Richard de la Wellysburne, knight, late of the village of Wellesbourne Mountford, Warw. (*Momfort*), giving to William Momfort, clerk, John Crosse of the same village, his *nativus*, with all his issue, born and to be born and all his goods and chattels. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Thoma le Strangero milite Thoma de la Luce Johanne de Beschepston Nicholao de la Wykkes Symone Brome Alexander¹ Walton Guydo¹ Fransses Johanne Harleston' Thoma Aldonne Geruase filio Geruase Roberto de la Combe Galfrido de Kyllingworthe Adam Leche de Warwyk et aliis.' Wellesbourne Mountford: 8 May 1308.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; brown. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms, a chief checky surmounted by a griffin segreant, over all a bendlet; no legend.

Wellesbourne Mountford was held by the family of Montfort of Beaudesert, for whom see *CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 120 et seq. Although they seem to have taken their name from the place, the connexion of the Wellesbourne family with it is not clear.

313

Charter of John Marshal giving to Alexander of Pointon 4 bovates of land which William de Bavent held in Graby, Lincs., and a wood of the fee of Hubert de Rye.
(Early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Marescallus dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui . Alexandro de Punigt' pro homagio et seruicio suo quatuor bouatas terre quas Willelmus de Bauent tenuit in Greibi cum suis pertinenciis et unum boscum de feodo Huberti de Ri . scilicet de Sunnecroft' usque ad Wungefrid' et de Wungefrid usque ad boscum dominarum de Simplingham adeo integre sicuti predictus Alexander tenuit die et termino quo ego recepi saism¹ de Azelakesbi quam Templarii tenuerunt sibi et heredibus suis tenendum et habendum de me et de heredibus meis libere . integre quiete reddendo mihi annuatim pro omni seruicio mihi pertinenti decem solidos sterlingorum ad duos terminos . scilicet quinque solidos ad Purificationem beate Marie et quinque solidos ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste et ut hec donatio rata et inconcussa permaneat sigilli mei appositione hanc cartam corroboraui. Hiis testibus Radulfo Bluet Toma Rupe . Guillelmo de Arderne . Guillelmo filio Galteri . Guillelmo de Mort' . Roberto de Basingham . Adam de Bokemenistre . Hugone filio Alani Andrea de Horling . Stephano socero suo . Ricardo clerico . cum multis aliis.

¹ *Sic.*

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{16}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, four fusils in bend; ✠ S' IOANIS LE MARECHAL

Hubert de Rye gave 10 carucates of land in Aslackby to the Templars before 1185 (*Records of the Templars*, 96). In the Easter term 1201 John Marshal and Geoffrey of Chester, who had married the daughters and coheirs of Hubert de Rye, entered into a judicial agreement with the Templars whereby the latter acknowledged their hereditary right to Aslackby (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, i. 439). Geoffrey died in 1206 and his widow married Roger de Cressy (*HKF* iii. 279). The present charter must be later than the agreement of 1201, to which it refers: Alexander of Pointon was already holding land in Graby at the close of the 12th century (*Danelaw Charters*, No. 467) and that being so, a confirmation such as this is not likely to have been long delayed after John Marshal had recovered seisin.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of John lord Lovel, Burnell, and Holand giving to William Whalley prior of St. Thomas of Holand, Lancs., Henry Byrom of Byrom, Lancs., 'gentilman', and John Crofton, their heirs and assigns, his manor or lordship of Samlesbury, Lancs., to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the services therefor due and customary. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Ricardo Hoghton Thoma Gerard militibus Henrico Halshall Willelmo Osbaldeston Willelmo Orell et multis aliis.' Stotwell: 28 Aug. 1462.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; red. Couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1, barry nebuly [LOVEL]; 2, billetty a fess dancetty [DEINCOURT]; 3, barry a bendlet [GREY of Rotherfield]; 4, semé of fleurs-de-lis a lion rampant [HOLAND]; in pretence, a lion rampant [? BEAUMONT]. On a helmet with mantling crest, an animal sejant chained (head chipped away); in front of it a lock with handle; on either side of the helmet a lion rampant as supporters: [S]igillum :: iohannis dñi iotwill' burnell' z de holand

COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. A lock with handle.

This is a feoffment to uses. For John lord Lovel of Titchmarsh see *CP*, 2nd ed. viii. 223; the title Burnell is an unwarranted assumption (*ibid.* 222, *n. g*). William Whalley was prior of the Benedictine priory of Upholland by Wigan.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words. Indented.

Charter of William de Brewos, lord of the honor of Bramber and Gower, giving all the lands, &c., within the lordship of Gower to John de Mowbray, lord of the Isle of Axholme, and Alina his wife; to hold to John and Alina and the heirs of their bodies of the king in chief. If John and Alina should die without an heir of their bodies the said lands, &c., shall remain to Humphrey de Boun, earl of Hereford and Essex, and his heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Rogero de Baueynt Andrea Peuerel Ricardo Hackeleute militibus . Johanne de Ifeld de comitatu Sussexie dominis Roberto de Penreis Daudid de la Beer militibus domino Philippo ab Howel archidiacono Breconye Hugone de Langplough' Rogero de Middleton et aliis.' (1318-20.)

TWO SEALS on tags: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red. (i) Lozenge-shaped shield of arms, crusilly a lion rampant; * S' WILLIELMI DE BRAVVSSE.

(ii) Shield of arms, a lion rampant; on either side of the shield a wyvern without wings; * S' : IOHANNIS : DE : MOVBRAY

William de Braiose, lord of Bramber and Gower, died shortly before 1 May 1326, leaving two daughters and coheirs, Alina, wife of John de Mowbray, and Joan, who married firstly James de Bohun of Midhurst and secondly Sir Richard Foliot of Gressenhall (*CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 302-4). After the death of her first husband

John de Mowbray, executed on 23 Mar. 1322 after the battle of Boroughbridge, Alina married Sir Richard de Peshale; her son John de Mowbray succeeded to Gower. Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex, was slain at Boroughbridge 16 Mar. 1322. He was grandson of Humphrey de Bohun (d. 1265) by Eleanor daughter and coheir of William de Braiose of Brecknock, lord of Abergavenny (ibid. vi. 462), which William was first cousin of the present grantor's grandfather, John de Braiose of Bramber and Gower, both being grandsons of William de Braiose (d. 1211), lord of Bramber and Brecknock, and his wife Maud de St. Valery. The remainder over in default of issue of John and Alina was therefore to a very distant relation to the exclusion of the issue of Joan, the younger daughter, and her husband James de Bohun of the line of Midhurst. William de Braiose was still in possession of Gower in Aug. 1318, for on 3 Aug. there is a royal mandate to Hugh le Despenser to keep the peace in the dissension which had arisen between him and his men of Glamorgan and William de Braiose and his men of Gower (*Cal. Close Rolls, Edw. II*, iii. 96); this charter, however, is earlier than 26 Oct. 1320, when the escheator was ordered to take into the king's hand the land of Gower which William de Braiose gave to John de Mowbray without the king's licence (ibid. 268). The present charter was cited in a plea between Thomas de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, and John de Mowbray in 1353 (Clark, *Glamorgan Charters*, iv. 1392). For John de Mowbray see *DNB*.

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Charter of William d'Avranches confirming to Edmund son of William Goding the gift of Cecily, the grantor's mother, of land in Northeye to hold of Cecily during her life and after her decease of William and his heirs. (Temp. John; possibly early Henry III)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus de Abrinch' concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Eadmundo filio Willelmi Goding . donum Cecilie de Abrinch' matris mee . scilicet totam terram in Northeye . que jacet inter terram Ricardi de Selfleghe et magnum cheminum . sicut uiua sepes protendit et inter terram prioris de Blakemore et terram Rogeri filii Geruasii scilicet sicut dicta uiua sepes totam dictam terram circumcingit. Tenendam et habendam cum omnibus pertinenciis infra dictas metas inclusis de Cecilia de Abrinch' matre mea quamdiu uixerit . et post excessum eius' de me et heredibus meis dicto Eadmundo et heredibus suis . libere . quiete et pacifice . hereditario in perpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis decem solidos sterlingorum ad duos anni terminos . scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis quinque solidos et ad Pascha quinque solidos pro omni seruicio et demanda et omni seculari exactione . saluo seruicio domini Regis quantum pertinet ad tantam terram ' et secta curie mee de Mortone bis per annum . scilicet ad proximam curiam post festum sancti Michaelis ' et proximam post Pascha. Ego vero Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus dicto Eadmundo et heredibus suis prefatam terram cum dictis pertinenciis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas per predictum seruicium. Pro hac autem concessione et presentis carte mee confirmacione dedit michi dictus Eadmundus decem marchas sterlingorum in gersuma et Cecilie de Abrinch' matri mee sexdecem marchas. Ut hec autem mea concessio et confirmacio firma et stabilis imposterum perseueret ' presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione roborauit. Hiis testibus . Simone de Abrinch' .

Galfrido fratre suo . Roberto de Hucham . Johanne Lanceleuee . Simone de Holt . Willelmo de Merci . Alexandro de Morton' Godefrido de Mortone Willelmo marescallo de Lagefare . Ricardo wodeward de Mortone . Rogero filio Godit Rogero wodeward de Bobingworthe . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{3}{16}$ in.; drawing tinted red. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIGILLUM WALTERI DE AVBRINCHEAS.

The family of Avranches inherited through females the barony of William of Arques, the Domesday lord of Folkestone (Stapleton in *Archaeologia*, xxxi. 216 et seq.; Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 397). Simon d'Avranches, the father of William the grantor, was living at Michaelmas 1202, when he made a payment on account of scutage on $21\frac{1}{2}$ knights' fees (*PR 4 John*, 217); but was dead at Michaelmas 1203, when Cecily his widow owed 100 marks and 2 palfreys not to be compelled to marry (*PR 5 John*, 27). Cecily was still living and unmarried in 1219 (*Fees*, 275). The witnesses suggest this charter to have been executed in William's court at Moreton, Ess. Northeye has not been identified; the fact that the prior of Blackmore, a small Essex house, held land in it points to that county. There was a Northeye in Belchamp Walter, now represented by Northey's Farm, but no evidence has been found to connect the Avranches family with it.

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Charter of Robert fitzWalter giving to Walter the parker of Ubbeston $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres of arable land in Ubbeston, Suff., lying between the land of the said Walter and abutting on that of Walter son of Adgar. (1198–1235)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus filius Walteri dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Waltero parkario de Hubestun' pro homagio et seruicio suo sex acras terre arabilis et dimidiam in villa de Hubestun' cum pertinenciis . jacentes inter terram eiusdem Walteri et abutantes super terram Walteri filii Adgari . tenendas et habendas sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis . libere et quiete . plenarie et integre . hereditarie per liberum seruicium octodecim denariorum mihi uel heredibus meis annuatim reddendorum ad duos terminos anni . ad festum sancti Michaelis nouem denarios et ad Pascha nouem denarios pro omnibus seruiciis consuetudinibus et exaccionibus / saluo seruicio domini regis. Pro hac autem donacione et concessione et huius presentis carte mee confirmacione / predictus Walterus dedit mihi viginti solidos in gersumam. Quare volo quod hec mea donacio et mea concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat / presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione corroboraui. Hiis testibus Henrico de Alneto . Waltero de Valeines tunc temporis senescallo . Radulfo de Essendun' . Roberto de Cimap . Rogero persona de Bernigham . Ricardo de Wimbisce . Willelmo camerario . Nicholao filio Roberti . Roberto filio Reginaldi Ricardo filio Walteri . Waltero de Essendun' . Rogero clerico huius carte scriptore . et multis aliis.

Central portion of seal on tag: grey-green. Equestrian, rounded helmet, surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield.

For Robert fitzWalter see *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 472 n. Robert succeeded his father in 1198 and died 6 Dec. 1235. In a list of his fees in 1236 (*Fees*, 576 et seq.) the witness Robert son of Reginald held $\frac{1}{4}$ fee in

Ubbeston and Robert de Cymay or Cimap $\frac{1}{10}$ fee in Wimbish: on the other hand, Walter de Valeines is represented by his heir and the only Essendon tenant is named Geoffrey. In 1242–3 Robert son of Reginald had been succeeded at Ubbeston by his son, John son of Robert (ibid. 914). The charter was probably made somewhere in the middle of the period 1198–1235. See No. 305.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex, giving to Stephen de Segrave the homage and service of John de la Rivere and his heirs due for the tenement which John holds of the grantor in Heddington and Manningford Bohun, Wilts., by fine made in the king's court between the grantor and John: to hold to Stephen and his heirs of the grantor and his heirs, rendering yearly therefor 4 pence at Michaelmas, and for scutage when it falls due, 6 pence, be it more or less. For this Stephen quitclaimed to the grantor and his heirs all the tenement in Amersham, Bucks. (*Hangmodesham*), which Stephen had given to the said John and which John quitclaimed to the grantor by fine in the king's court. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Iohanne filio Galfridi Bartholomeo Pecche Hugone de Kinardele . Willelmo de Sancto Eadmundo . Rogero de Syfrewast . Iohanne de Vernon . Iohanne filio Mathei . Ricardo de Wokeseye . Georgio de Dunor' . Ricardo de Middleton' . et multis aliis.' (Mid-13th century: not before 1236.)

Tag and seal torn away.

The date must be later than 1236 when the donor became earl of Essex. Hugh of Kinnersley was sheriff of Herefordshire in 1249. Bartholomew Pecche, Roger de Sifrewast, John de Vernon, and Richard de Wokeseye all figure in the returns of 1242–3 (*Fees*, 720 and 723), the last two holding of the earl of Hereford in Wilts. Compare No. 323.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 6 words.

PRO *Cal. Papal Reg.* ix. 318.

Indult of Eugenius IV for John Turberuyld, *domicellus* of the diocese of Llandaff, and his present wife to have a portable altar at which mass and the other divine offices may be celebrated by their own or other fitting priest in the presence of themselves and those of their own household. St. Peter's, Rome: 28 Apr. 1445. A. de Spoleto.

320

An indenture made between Roger le Bigod, earl of Norfolk and Marshal of England, and John of Seagrave for military service. Great Chesterford, Ess.: 9 June 1297.

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words. Indented. $13\frac{1}{8}$ in. long by $9\frac{1}{16}$ in. broad.

PRINTED: N. Denholm-Young, *Seignorial Administration in England* (1937), 167, from Bodl. Lib. Dugdale MS. 18, f. 83 v. Cited: Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 674, 'ex autogr. penes W. le Neve eq. aur. Cl. R. arm. anno 1640'.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms, a lion rampant; * SIGILLVM : ROGE[RI] . BIG[OD]. Cf. BM 7471

Mr. Denholm-Young's text comes at one remove from the original document reproduced in the BS. Since only the first 15 words are in facsimile it does not seem necessary to print again a document already printed in full. The variant readings are unimportant. Dugdale's transcript was made in 1640, when he had access to it during the making of the BS. Mr. Denholm-Young has commented at length on this document, see ibid. 23 et seq.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 22 words.

A chirograph made 26 July 1241 before the justices in the king's court at Gloucester in settlement of a plea between Walter of Clifford, son of Walter of Clifford and Agnes de Condet (*Cundy*), of the one part, and the abbot and convent of Dore, Heref., of the other, by which Walter restored to the abbey all their lands of Gwenddwr, Brecon (*Wendor*), and Nantegliis, and setting out the terms of settlement of the matters of dispute; the boundaries of the land of Gwenddwr are defined. Sealing clause. Gloucester: 26 July 1241.

SEAL on plaited cords, white and blue: round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, checky a bendlet; ✠ SIGILLUM . WALTERI : DE CLIFFORD

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, checky a bend; ✠ SECRETUM : WALTERI : DE CLIFFORD

This chirograph was inspected and confirmed by Henry III at Shrewsbury on 12 Aug. 1241 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 260); a very full abstract is printed in the calendar; it supplies the name of the abbot, Stephen. The lands here dealt with are, generally speaking, the same as those in No. 362.

322

Charter of Roger of Howe giving to the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene beside Norwich the tenement which John Cake and Eadiua his wife of Poringland held of his fee and their homage with their chattels and all their suit. (Early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus de Ho pro deo et salute anime mee . antecessorum et successorum meorum concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . hospitali sancte Marie Magdalene iuxta Norwic' et fratribus et sororibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum illud tenementum cum pertinenciis quod Johannes Cake et Eadiua uxor eius de Poringelond tenuerunt de feodo meo et humagium predictorum Johannis et Eade cum catallis suis et tota secta sua . sine ulla retencione mihi uel heredibus meis pertinente . saluo forinseco seruicio hundredi quod ipse Johannes et Eda uxor eius pro predictis fratribus et sororibus et eciam pro seipsis aquietabunt et ut hec concessio et donatio rata et inconcussa permaneat et sigilli mei appositione eam corroboraui. Hiis testibus . Ricardo de Senges Henrico de Senges . Thoma persona de Ho . Reginaldo capellano . de Hemme-hall' . Ranulfo de Ho . Waltero de Ho . Galfrido et Thoma de Poringelond . Alexandro filio Clementis . Thoma Fluri . Johanne fratre suo et multis aliis.

Fragment of equestrian seal on tag; uncoloured.

For the donor's family see *HKF* iii. 137 et seq. He held Howe and other lands of the abbot of St. Edmund's and was son of William of Howe, probably that William who in 1166 held 2 knights' fees of St. Edmund's (*RB* 393). Roger occurs in 1198-9 in connexion with Topcroft, Norf. (*Fees*, 1327), which equally with Howe was held in 1086 of St. Edmund's by Berenger (Douglas, *Feudal Documents*, 16). In 1207 he offered a palfrey to recover his lands (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 87b) and in 1214-15 was party to an assize of darrein presentment; his sons were Gilbert and Rannulf, of whom the former held Howe of St. Edmund's in 1242-3

(Fees, 910). For the family of Seething see note to No. 296 above. The present charter is probably of the reign of John, though the early years of Henry III are possible.

323

Charter of Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford, inspecting the charter of Arnulf Biset giving Margery Biset 8 virgates in Great Wishford, Wilts., and of Margery Biset giving that land to Maiden Bradley Priory, Wilts. (Probably not later than 1236, certainly before 1242-3)

BS FACSIMILE, first 5 words.

Hunfredus de Bohun comes Herefordie omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris et audituris eternam in domino salutem. Noueritis nos inspexisse cartam Arnulfi Biset quam fecit domine Margerie Biset in hec verba. Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Aernulphus Biset dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Margerie Biset pro seruicio suo octo virgatas terre mee cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in Magna Wicheford et omnes villanos predictas virgatas terre tenentes cum omnibus catallis suis . et sequelis eorum . scilicet Philippum filium Regenaldi cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Nicholaum Wolwin cum sua sequela et catallis suis Ricardum Grym cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Serlonem filium Serlonis cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Warinum Bat cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Johannem prepositum cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Henricum Scabbere cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Walterum clericum cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Nicholaum filium Hunfridi cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Radulfum Trapel cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Walterum Choc cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Simeonem Stalber cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Willelmum pastorem cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Rogerum Terri cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Robertum molendinarium cum sua sequela et catallis suis . Adam Bat cum sua sequela et catallis suis . et unum molendinum aquaticum in eadem willa cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et libertatibus suis . et duas solidatas redditus quas Alicia que fuit uxor Antonini . mihi reddidit pro uno prato quod iacet inter Paruum Wycheford et Stapelford . et totum tenementum quod habui uel habere potui in eadem uilla. Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis dicte Margerie et assignatis suis . cuicunque uel quibuscunque . et quandocunque dare uel assignare uel legare uoluerit . siue uiris secularibus siue religiosis . in ligia potestate sua uel extra bene et in pace imperpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ipsa uel assignati sui unum denarium ad festum beati Johannis Baptiste pro omni seruicio et seculari demanda saluo regali seruicio quantum pertinet ad dimidium feodum unius militis. Et ego Arnulphus Biset et heredes mei warantizabimus predictas octo virgatas terre cum pertinenciis et cum omnibus predictis . dicte Margerie et assignatis suis . siue uiris secularibus siue religiosis cuicunque uel quibuscunque et quandocunque eas dare uel assignare uel legare uoluerit . in ligia potestate sua uel extra . contra omnes homines et feminas imperpetuum per predictum seruicium. Pro hac autem donacione . concessione et warantizacione dedit mihi dicta Margeria centum marcas argenti. Et ut

hec mea donacio et warantizacio rata et stabilis perseueret : presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne filio Galfridi . Roberto de Muchegros . Bartholomeo Peche . Johanne de Gatesden' . Henrico de Albiniaco . Hugone Giffard . Roberto de Ho . Willelmo de Angers . Radulfo de Angers . Willelmo Quintin et multis aliis. Inspeximus etiam cartam predicte domine Margerie Biset quam fecit deo et beate Marie et sororibus leprosis de Bradeleg' . et fratribus ibidem seruientibus quibus ipsa M. Biset dedit per illam cartam totam suam predictam terram de Wicheford cum omnibus pertinentiis suis adeo plenissime sicut predictus Arnulphus Biset eidem M. Biset per cartam suam dederat et eisdem sororibus leprosis et fratribus carta sua quam similiter uidimus : dictam terram de Wicheford' concessit et confirmauit reddendo inde annuatim eidem Arnulpho Biset et heredibus suis predicti sorores et fratres de Bradel' unum denarium apud Wicheford die natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste et nobis et heredibus nostris seruitium domini regis . quantum pertinet ad dimidium feodum unius militis in eadem uilla. Nos uero Humfredus post inspectionem predictarum cartarum concessimus et confirmauimus totam predictam terram de Wicheford cum omnibus pertinentiis suis deo et beate Marie et sororibus leprosis de Bradel' et fratribus ibidem seruientibus deo pro deo et salute anime nostre et antecessorum et heredum nostrorum. Tenendam et habendam in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam libere integre bene et pacifice et quiete ab omnibus seruitiis querelis sectis demandis secularibus nobis et heredibus nostris spectantibus uel pertinentibus . saluo tantum nobis regali seruicio et heredibus nostris. Nos uero Humfredus et heredes nostri hanc concessionem et confirmationem dictis sororibus et fratribus de Bradel' . contra omnes homines warantizabimus. Et ut hec nostra concessio et confirmacio iugiter rata permaneat presenti scripto et sigilli nostri impressione roboramus. Hiis testibus . Waltero de Pauili . Ada de Gremwill . Nicholao de Hawersham . Henrico de Albinaco . Johanno de Wernero . Henrico de Hertam . Samson de la Boxe . Radulfo de Angers et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: central portion only: yellow. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, sword, shield with arms as on counterseal.

COUNTERSEAL: yellow. Shield of arms, a bend cotised between six lioncels [BOHUN]; a smaller shield, quarterly, on the dexter side.

Humphrey de Bohun is not styled earl of Essex, a title he assumed in 1236, although he did not uniformly use it in addition to that of Hertford (*CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 459 n.). In 1242-3 Maiden Bradley priory was holding a half fee in Great Wishford (*Fees*, 722).

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Charter of Guy de Craon giving to Vivian the Angevin $4\frac{1}{4}$ bovates of land and a dwelling house in Burton Pedwardine, Lincs. (1188-97)

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Guido de Creona omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis presentibus et futuris . salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Viuiano

Andegauensi et heredibus suis quatuor bouatas terre et unum quarterium unius bouate in Burtun' scilicet duas quas Aschelus tenuit et unam bouatam et quarterium unius bouate quam Godricus filius Wlnof tenuit et unam bouatam que fuit Radulfo filio Ascheli et unam mansionem que fuit Godwino preposito regis que est iuxta domum Herberti clerici tenendum de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate bene et in pace libere et quiete hereditarie et pacifice faciendo inde mihi et heredibus meis nonam partem feodi unius militis pro omni seruicio. Has predictas terras ego et heredes mei warentizabimus illi et heredibus suis contra omnes homines. Hiis testibus . Willelmo capellano de Burtun' . Waltero de Pincebec . Martino Andegauensi . Ricardo de Maring' . Ricardo de Essex' . Petro Andegauensi . Willelmo Chantelue . Herberto clerico de Burtun' . Hugone fratre suo . Henrico filio Gaufridi . Gaufrido Breest . Hugone de Paris Siwardo templario . Lamberto Ruffo . Petro filio Ranulfi et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag, central portion only: uncoloured. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat.

The donor belonged to a family originating at Craon in Anjou. Guy de Craon was a considerable Lincolnshire tenant-in-chief in 1086 and was succeeded by Alan, apparently his son; Alan's son, Maurice de Craon, was the father of the donor (*BM Facsimiles*, No. 45: *Mon.* iv. 125 et seq.). Maurice died in 1188 and was succeeded by this Guy (*PR 34 Hen. II*, 25, 81), who was living in 1196 (*PR 8 Ric. I*, 232); thereafter although sums due from him continue to be entered on the rolls up to at least 1203, a suit of the Michaelmas term 1201 shows him to be then dead (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, ii. 13), and since William son of Henry de Longchamp who married Parnel, Guy's daughter and heir, owed 300 marks in 1197 for having his land in Lincolnshire of which the king had disseised him (*PR 9 Ric. I*, 114; *10 Ric. I*, 62), he seems to have died in 1196-7. Vivian was succeeded in this land by Peter the Angevin, possibly the witness, who in 1212 was holding a ninth of a fee in Burton of the fee of Craon (*Fees*, 179). It so happens that exactly contemporary with Guy's father, Maurice, was another Maurice de Craon of the Angevin line, lord of Craon itself (Bertrand de Broussillon, *La Maison de Craon*, i. 71 et seq.): this has been the source of a confusion which numbers among its victims the editors of *BM Facsimiles* and Léopold Delisle (*Recueil des actes de Henri II*, Introduction, 405).

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Notification in the form of a grant by Hugh the prior and the convent of Castle Acre of the terms of an agreement with Roger of Huntingfield as to the priory of Mendham, regulating the appointment and deposition of its priors and the reception of monks therein. (1198-1202)

BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

PRINTED: *Mon.* v. 59 from the Castle Acre cartulary; only 3 witnesses are given.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis notum sit . quod ego Hugo prior de Acra et conuentus eiusdem loci communi assensu ad petitionem Rogeri de Huntingfeld . concessimus ut nullus prior de Mendham deponatur nisi tribus de causis . scilicet inobediencia . siue incontinenencia uel dilapidacione domus. Et si ita euenerit quod deus auertat . quod pro aliqua predictarum causarum deponi debeat : hoc erit consilio

nostro et conuentus nostri . et aduocati prenominati loci . et conuentus de Mendham. Quod si causa manifesta fuerit . et in deposicione illius nos et aduocatus non consenciamus per episcopum et cleriaticum et bonos uiros deponatur. Ad instituendum priorem in predicto loco communi consilio nostro et predicti aduocati priorem idoneum instituemus. Concessimus etiam ut octo monachi uiri honesti ad minus in perpetuum in eodem loco deo seruiant . quorum quatuor de claustro nostro illuc transmittentur. Si unus eorum decesserit loco defuncti fratrem de claustro nostro illuc transmittemus. Si quis ad succurrendum metu mortis se loco prenominato dederit . illuc recipietur. Sanus autem si quisquam illic recipi uoluerit . non sine nostra licencia recipietur . et in claustro nostro de ordine edoctus si uoluerit reuertatur . et tota catalla sua remaneant apud Mendham. Cum autem dono diuino domus illa ceperit ampliari quo ualeat conuentus sustentari et ordo seruari liceat eis monachos recipere apud Mendham propria auctoritate sua. Si quis illic in obediencia necessarius fuerit non amouebitur per nos nisi euidenti causa et nostra necessitate. Hiis testibus Willelmo decano de Redhale . magistro Ricardo de Sotesham . Petro Waltero . Roberto filio Roscel' . Ingerano de Ginnei . Willelmo Britone . Willelmo filio Horoldi . Eustachio senescallo . Willelmo senescallo . Ricardo portario . Willelmo de Warez . Alexandro de pistrino Roberto marescallo et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: green; fragmentary. The Virgin seated.

Cf. BM 2884

Roger of Huntingfield was the son and heir of William of Huntingfield, who had founded the priory of Mendham as a cell of Castle Acre about the middle of the 12th century. This charter though in form a grant by the prior of Castle Acre is in substance the record of an agreement between the mother house and the patron. The land of Mendham was temporarily lost to the family during Henry II's reign. The Pipe Rolls show Stephen de Sackville holding it as *terrae datae* from 1172 to 1181. Thereafter it seems to have been in the king's hand and in 1191 it was tallaged along with the royal demesne (*PR 3 Ric. I*, 41). Roger did not recover it till 1198-9, for on the Pipe Roll of 1 John (p. 72) he accounted for 200 marks for it. The present charter is subsequent to his recovery of Mendham, for its witnesses are identical with those to a charter printed in the *Mon.* v. 58, No. iv, in which he gives land in Mendham to the priory. On the other hand, Hugh had ceased to be prior of Castle Acre by 1203 (*VCH Norfolk*, ii. 358). Robert son of Roscelin witnessed No. 355 in the middle of the 12th century.

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Charter of Thomas Craue, knight, of Thrandeston, Suff., giving to Sibton abbey Baldwin (son of) Juliana of Thrandeston, his villein. (Henry III)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas Craue miles de Radestun' concessi dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et monachis de Sybetun' in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam Baldewinum Juliene de Randistun' villanum meum cum tota sequela sua et omnibus catallis et rebus suis . ut dicti monachi habeant et teneant predictum Baldewinum cum tota sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis et rebus . libere quiete . bene et in pace et integre ac honorifice solutus et quietus ab omni

clamio et calumpnia mei et heredum meorum in perpetuum. Et ego et heredes mei vel assignati mei warantizabimus prefatis monachis supradictum Baldewinum cum omnibus predictis contra omnes in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum meum est appensum. Hiis testibus . Roberto de Randistun' Willelmo de Gosewaude . Ricardo de la Bruere . Rogero filio Willelmi . Thoma Moelin . Rogero Cokerel Adam Daniell Adam del fen de Palegraue . Willelmo Adam de Stustun' et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms, three birds; * **SIGILLUM : THOMÆ CROW**
COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. Shield of same arms; ✠ **SIGILLVM . SECRETI :**

None of the persons have been identified.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

No. 370 is a duplicate copy from this same charter: variants are given in footnotes.

Charter of Ela Longespée, countess of Warwick, in her widowhood giving to Reading abbey in free alms all the lands and tenements which she has in Doddington, Cambs., namely, the tenement which is called Suthwode and 20 acres of marsh in Northwode Fen; to hold with the services of freemen and villeins and with all that may come to her or her heirs by reason of the said lands, rendering to the chief lords of the fees the services due and accustomed for all service pertaining to the donor or her heirs. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Roberto Fulcon' . dominis Rolando de Erle . Johanne de Tedmers . Thoma Dauuers . Galfrido de Wancy . Oliuero Punchardun . Bartholomeo de Erley . Bartholomeo de Satingeden' . Thoma Hurscal militibus . Nigello de Sandreuill' . Willelmo de Blebur' . Gilleberto Pinson . Johanne de Colle et multis aliis.' (1284-90.)

SEAL¹ on tag: pointed oval, c. $2\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; uncoloured; broken at top and sinister side. A lady standing on a corbel in long dress; **PEVE COMITISSÆ WAR**

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, c. 3×2 in.; uncoloured; much broken. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms, six lions rampant [LONGESPÉE]; in base a lion passant guardant; . . . **LVNCESPAVE**

In addition to this Le Neve charter there is another original charter, Harl. Chart. 54 D 15, also sealed, printed in *Mon.* iv. 45. It follows the Le Neve charter practically word for word with two exceptions: (1) a clause is added by which the abbot and convent give the countess the benefit of their prayers, &c., according to the tenor of their charter which she has; (2) the witnesses differ materially and run as follows: 'domino Rogero de Mortuomari . et magistro Ricardo de Stanes . magistro Radulfo de Fremingeham . domino Radulfo de Hengeham justic' . dominis Adam Gurdun . Grimbaldo Paunceuot . Ricardo Sturmy . Rolando de Erle . Johanne de Thedmers . Thoma Dauuers . Oliuero Punchardun . Bartholomeo de Tatingeden' militibus . Thoma Hurschal . Nigello de Saundreuile . et multis (*sic*)'. It is endorsed 'Carta domine Ele comitisse de Warewyck de marisco de Suthwode in insula de Ely'. It is evident that the Harleian charter was later than the Le Neve charter and superseded it, but the fact that seven witnesses are common to both suggests that they are practically contemporaneous. Ela was a daughter of William Longespée, earl of Salisbury, by Ela daughter of William earl of Salisbury (see No. 62); she married first Thomas earl of Warwick, who died in 1242, and secondly Philip Basset, the justiciar, who died in Oct. 1271; she herself died 6 Feb. 1297 and was buried at Osney priory, Oxon. Ralf de Hengham, a witness to the Harleian charter, was appointed a judge in 1270 and was dismissed in 1289 or 1290, not being restored to office till 1301. The date therefore of the Harleian charter, and consequently of the Le Neve

¹ Cf. the seal to No. 370 below.

charter, must lie between the death of Philip Basset in 1271 and the dismissal of Hengham in 1290. These limits can, however, be narrowed, for as stated above, the Harleian charter refers to a charter of the abbot and convent already in the possession of the countess by which they bind themselves to give the countess the benefit of their prayers, &c. This charter is now Add. Chart. 19633 and is dated 30 Dec. 1284; it refers to certain rents bestowed by her but not to the present gifts, which therefore are subsequent to it, as indeed the language of the Harleian charter seems to imply.

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Charter of Geoffrey Caper confirming to Sibton abbey, Suff., the meadow which William Caper of Westhall, Suff., and Thomas son of Silvester gave them in Siremor, in Bulcamp, Suff. (First half of 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus Caper . concessi et presenti carta confirmaui . deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Sibeton' . totum illud pratum quod Willelmus Caper de Westhale et Thomas filius Silvestri dederunt eis in Siremor . quod est de feodo meo ut ipsi monachi habeant illud et teneant bene et in pace libere et quiete sine omni calumpnia mei uel heredum meorum in perpetuum . sicut carte predictorum Willelmi et Thome quas inde habent testantur. Et ego affidaui pro me et pro heredibus meis quod ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis totum predictum pratum contra omnes in perpetuum . et quod non distringemus predictos monachos pro aliquo defectu seruicii . quod predicti Willelmus et Thomas debebant facere de eodem prato. Testibus Waltero Maleth' . Willelmo Maleth' . Willelmo filio Hugonis de Derneford' . Gileberto . Willelmo Plotun . Rannulfo cementario . Willelmo Ruffo Normanno.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, c. $3 \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red; broken at top and bottom. A boar up the major axis; . . . **IGILLVM . . . VRE DE BVLECHÆ . .**

The charter was confirmed by Edward II on 22 May 1323 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, iii. 45). There is no specific evidence of date, but the hand and the formulas suggest the first half of the 13th century. Here again the Sibton formula as to distress occurs.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Charter of Alan, the knight, of Hyde, Beds. (*miles de Hyda*), giving to Robert Frend for his homage and service one acre of land in the great field of Stopsley (*Stopesleia*) lying between the land of Andrew of Breach (*Bracha*) and that of Thomas of Ramridge (*Ramrugge*), of which one headland abuts on the land of William de Runesford towards the east and another headland upon the land of John de la Pleistowe towards the west; to hold to Robert and his heirs of Alan and his heirs rendering yearly two capons at Michaelmas for all services except forinsec service. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Waltero milite de Lutona . domino Waltero milite de Hyda . Thoma de la Mare . Rogero de Hyda . Andrea de la Breche . Rogero de Heydene . Rogero de Baynale . et aliis.' (First half of the 13th century.)

SEAL on plaited cord, blue and white: shield-shaped, $1\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{7}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. Arms, a lion rampant; ✠ **SIGILLU' ALANI DE**

Stopsley and Hyde are in Luton, Beds. The donor and his family were benefactors of Dunstable priory, see *BHRS* x. 337. The donor is usually described as 'Alanus de Hida', the *miles* of this charter being his rank and not a patronymic. The place-name 'Bracha' is preserved in Breach Farm House on the south-east edge of Luton, and 'Ramrugge' by Ramridge a little to the north-east of that town. A comparison with the charters in the Dunstable cartulary suggests a date late in the period suggested.

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Charter of William de Curzon of Ketteringham confirming to his kinsman William of Stanfield 3 tofts in Ketteringham, Norf., which Roger, William's brother, gave him, and 2 acres which he held of William's father. (Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE, first 5 words.

Willelmus de Curcun de Keteringham omnibus hominibus suis et amicis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse . Willelmo cognato meo de Stanfeld tres toftas in Keteringham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quas Rogerus frater meus dedit ei . has scilicet . Stubardestoft . et toftam Gileberti . et Capellemes tofto¹ . et unam acram terre iuxta domum Turkilli . que uocatur Thoraldes toft . et duas acras quas pater eius tenuit de patre meo . illas scilicet que uocantur Aielmeres toft riding. Tenebit autem predictus Willelmus de Stanfeld et heredes sui iure hereditario de me et de heredibus meis honorifice libere et quiete omnes predictas terras . reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis annuatim vj denarios . et duos capones . ad hos terminos . scilicet ad Pascha iij denarios . et ad festum sancti Michaelis iij denarios . et ad Natale duos capones. Et sciendum est quod predictus Willelmus de Stanfeld debet defendere omnes predictas toftas aduersus dominum nostrum regem . aduersus uicecomitem et aduersus prepositum . et hundredum . et aduersus suppreum dominum . de omnibus rebus et seruiciis que ad eos pertinent. His testibus . Bartholomeo de Creg . Willelmo de Sancto Audomare . Petro Waltero . Hugone de Dunest' . Willelmo filio Gaufridi . Ricardo de Bermingham . Willelmo persona de Fundehale . Gaufrido de Melt' . Radulfo de Karlet' . Matheo fratre eius . Roberto de Karlet' . Roberto filio Ricardi de Wimundham . Rogero fratre eius . Nigello clerico.

Tag only for seal.

A William de Curzon held 3 knights' fees of the earl of Norfolk in 1166 (*RB* 395) and was probably though not certainly the grantor. Bartholomew of Creake held 8 fees of the same earl in 1166 (*ibid.*) and was dead at Michaelmas 1188 (*PR* 34 *Hen. II*, 55); he was succeeded by his son Robert (*HKF* iii. 428).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 3 words.

Charter of John of Wiggenhall (*Wyg*'), knight, confirming to John son of Alice of the same 3 acres of land, be it more or less, lying in Thethonyg in Wiggenhall which the said John acquired from Hamo the Palmer (*le Palan*'), namely in breadth between the land of John the smith and that which belonged

¹ *Sic.*

to William del Wend, and in length from the royal way called Linnegate eastwards to William's land; to hold of the grantor and his heirs to John his heirs and assigns rendering therefor yearly 2 pence half-penny at Michaelmas for all service. The grantor and his heirs will warrant the land to John his heirs or to whomsoever he may give, bequeath, sell, or assign, except to a house of religion; for this John has given the grantor half a mark of silver in advance (*pre manibus*). Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Alexandro de Walpol Thoma de Grang'. Waltero de Pagraue. Adam Blowere Waltero Blowere Johanne Scop Ricardo filio Henrici. Radulfo clerico et multis aliis.' (? Early 14th century.)

SEAL¹ on tag: round, 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ in.; green; chipped on dexter side. Equestrian to the dexter, conical helmet with visor, surcoat, sword, shield with no arms; ✠ SIGILLUM : IOH[AN]NIS : FILII : WALTERI . DE] WIGHAM.

The evidence of date is scanty. In 1302 John son of Walter of Wiggenhall was holding land there and in the neighbourhood (*FA* iii. 407), and an Alexander of Walpole was one of the jurors of the hundred (*ibid.* 406). A later John of Wiggenhall occurs there in 1346, but he is not described as a knight.

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Charter of Manasser de Dammartin giving all his grove and land of Baleshangre and certain other lands adjacent to Hugh the chamberlain. (Before Michaelmas 1179)

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Manas' de Dammart' omnibus hominibus et amicis suis tam clericis quam laicis . tam Francis quam Anglis et presentibus et futuris Suffolche salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse Hugoni camerario totum nemus meum et terram de Baleshangre sicut fossatum procingit et fossatum excepta una acra uersus monasterium . et terram Wlfrici Prat . et Saluae . que fuit uxor sua cum pueris suis . et homagium et seruicium eorum . et decem acras que fuerunt Gocelini . et tres acras que iacent propinquius porte de Baleshangre et duas culturas terre propinquiores Baleshangre a fossato Hugonis sacerdotis usque ad nemus Johannis Cordebeof . excepta terra Hamonis que non pertinet ad prenominate culturas . et duas acras que fuerunt Freberni . et Withmer' Pret cum terra sua et homagio et seruitio cum pueris suis . et decem acras terre que fuerunt Godwini Rading . scilicet totum campum eiusdem Rading qui iacet ante domum Lemmari fabri. Prenominatum nemus cum prenominate terris et culturis concessi et dedi prenominate H. camerario et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis tenendis per seruicium sexdecim solidorum de censu per annum . et ad defendendum in seruitio domini regis . pro viginti quinque acris. Quare uolo atque precipio ut ipse H. et heredes sui habeant et teneant bene et libere et quiete et honorifice totas predictas terras per predictum seruitium pro omnibus aliis seruitiis . in uiis et semitis . et in pasturis et exitibus et in bosco et plano et omnibus aliis locis. Et pro hac concessione dedit mihi predictus H. de gersuma viginti solidos et unum runcinum de precio quinque solidorum . et Bartholomeo filio meo unum anulum aureum. His testibus . Willelmo sacerdote . Roberto Catone filio eiusdem . Manasero juuene . Willelmo de Cerysia . Huberto de Brusew' . Benedicto

¹ Cf. BM 6551, giving arms on shield: a lion rampant debruised by a fess.

clerico . Nicholao filio Wig' . Manasero fratre eiusdem . Reginaldo de Cottun' . Ada filio suo . Johanne filio Manas' . Stephano filio Willelmi . Willelmo de Dammart'.

Tag only for seal.

Manasser de Dammartin was the son and heir of Odo de Dammartin, who was enfeoffed of Mendlesham, Suff., by Henry I (*Fees*, 138; *RB* 409). Manasser died between Michaelmas 1178 and Michaelmas 1179 (*PR* 24 *Hen. II*, 36; 25 *Hen. II*, 9) and was succeeded by his son Bartholomew who was dead without issue in 1190 and succeeded by his brother William (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vi. 21; *PR* 2 *Ric. I*, 102). William died in 1195, for at Michaelmas the sheriffs accounted for the farm of Mendlesham for a quarter of the year and for the farm of Norton Mandeville, Ess., also held by William, for part of the year (*PR* 7 *Ric. I*, 51-2). He was succeeded by his daughter Galiena, for whom see No. 409. Baleshangre is now lost. A family of Cordebeof held land by serjeanty in Mendlesham (*Fees*, 138) and the grove of John Cordebeof probably lay in that village. Cotton is the next village on the north-west and Braiseworth lies between 4 and 5 miles to the north-east of Mendlesham. The minster is presumably Mendlesham church.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of Idanea, formerly wife of Edmund Crawesuere of Brook (*Brok'*), giving to John Syward, rector of the church of Brook, a certain close (*pittelhum*) called Hallepittel, lying between the common way called Hallelane on the north side and Ripar' on the south side, one headland abutting upon Wermedewe towards the west and the other above Halle Wattryng towards the east: to hold to John his heirs and assigns of the chief lord of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Edmund fizJohannis Rogero persona . Matheo Peggs Willelmo Cok' Alano Clynt' et aliis.' Brook: 6 Apr. 1369.

SEAL on tag, central portion only: green. Shield of arms, a cross flory, dimidiating three bars surmounted by a bendlet sinister and a label in chief; no legend.

So far as can be seen the only Brook having a rector in the 14th century was Brook, Kent. It has not been possible further to identify the place, nor any of the people.

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Charter of Richard le Brun giving to Thetford priory the house in Dullingham, Cambs., which was Godwin Burnolf's and nine acres of land in the fields there of his demesne; the land to be appropriated to the sacrist. (Mid 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

* Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego Ricardus Brunus dedi et concessi ecclesie sancte Marie de Tetford et monachis ibi deo seruientibus managium unum in Dulingeham quod fuit Godwini Burnolf . et nouem acras terre in campis de meo dominio ad Dulingeham . in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam . et solutam ab omni seruitio et consuetudine . preter orationes pro me ipso et uxore mea . et heredibus meis et pro anima patris mei et pro animabus omnium parentum meorum. Et ecclesia de Tetford dedit mihi in caritate et in testimonio per manum Rogerii sacriste duos equos . scilicet unum palefredum xx solidorum et unum runcinum x solidorum. Ista etenim terra concedente toto capitulo in perpetuum remanebit in manu sacriste de Tetford. Huius

donationis et oblationis mee sunt testes . deus et sancta Maria et totum capitulum de Tetford . Gislebertus prior Sancti Sepulcri . Ranulfus decanus . Robertus clericus comitis de Arundel . Rogerius presbiter de sancta Maria . Alwardus presbiter sancti Nicholai . Hugo clericus filius Aluuini . Robertus Cal' . Hargarus Por . Willelmus filius Warn'.

SEAL on tag: uncoloured; fragmentary. Equestrian.

A Richard son of Peter le Brun is recorded as having given land at Dullingham to the priory of St. Mary of Thetford, but no date is given (*Mon.* v. 143). The priory of St. Sepulchre of Thetford was founded before 1147 (see No. 416 below). The first known prior is Richard in 1202. A Gilbert occurs as prior between this Richard and another Richard in 1228 (*VCH Norfolk*, ii. 393). The formulas of this charter suggest a much earlier date than this. The hand of the few words in facsimile, the ✠ at the beginning, the low price of the palfrey, the attestation in the nominative case of God and St. Mary and the chapter of Thetford, all strongly suggest a date near the middle of the 12th century.

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Charter of Roger Bigot confirming to Sibton abbey, Suff., the gift of his knight Walter son of William of Shadingfield, Suff., of land in Bruisyard, Suff. (1177-87)

BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus . Rogerus Bigot . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Sibet' . et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus quam Walterus filius Willelmi de Scadenefeld miles meus eidem ecclesie dedit uidelicet quadraginta acras . . . suo de Bureshierd . . . bosco qui in ipsis quadraginta acris et mensuratis infra fosse . . . suum et quatuor acras de terra arabili alibi de feodo meo sicut Walterus eis dedit et sua carta confirmauit eas habeant bene et in pace in perpetuam elemosinam liberas et quietas ab omni . . . seruicio et ab omnimoda exactione seculari. Hanc autem concessionem meam et carte mee confirmationem feci eis pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et . . . meorum in perpetuam ualituram. Testibus Willelmo de . . . Oliuero de Vallibus . Galfrido de B . . . Hamone de Sibet' . Thoma de Beilham . . . de . . . Willelmo et Roberto Lenueisie . Godefrido de de Cadumo . Rannulfo de . . . Geraldo pncerna¹ . Rogero de . . . Radulfo mareschallo . Thoma Auenel . Roberto de Pesehale capellano.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; brown; broken at bottom. Equestrian, conical helmet, surcoat, sword, shield with no arms; ✠ SIGIL BIGOTI.

This charter was already decayed when the BS was made. The gift here confirmed is included among those set out in a charter of confirmation of Henry II which passed at Ludgershall at some date between 1169 and 1187 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 95). The grantor was the son and heir of Hugh Bigot, first earl of Norfolk, who died shortly before 9 Mar. 1177; Roger, however, did not obtain the earldom till 25 Nov. 1189, and since he is not here described as earl the date must lie between the date of his father's death and that of his accession to the earldom.

¹ *Sic.*

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BS FACSIMILE, first 23 words.

Charter of Robert de Bruce (*Brus*), earl of Carrick (*Carrik'*), son of Robert de Bruce, lord of Annandale (*Vall' Anand'*), confirming to Stephen the beadle (*bedello*), son of Roger Wythe of Hatfield Regis, Ess., for his service and for 10 marks sterling the whole of one cotland (*cotemanland*) which he holds of the grantor in chief in Hatfield Regis: to hold of the grantor, his heirs and assigns, to Stephen, his heirs and assigns, and their heirs in fee and inheritance and to whomsoever and whenever they may wish to give, sell, bequeath, or in any other manner assign; rendering therefor yearly 4 shillings of silver, namely, 12 pence each at Michaelmas, Christmas, Easter, and Midsummer for all services, &c. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Nicholao de Barentone . domino Willelmo de Rothynge domino Galfrido Morel domino Jolano militibus Johanne de Bledelawe tunc senescallo . Johanne de la Lee Petro de Haselinfeld Matheo de Bronketr' Petro filio Willelmi Ricardo filio Petri Waltero filio Michaelis Johanne de la Huse Willelmo Morisse Thoma de Chaucr' et aliis.' (1271-92 or 1304.)

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; green. Shield of arms, a saltire on a chief a lion passant; a wyvern on either side of the shield; ✠ S' . ROBERTI . DE BRVS COMITIS DE CARRIK.

The grantor was son and heir of Robert de Bruce, lord of Annandale, the competitor for the throne of Scotland. In 1271 he married Margaret *suo iure* countess of Carrick, thereby becoming earl; in 1292 he resigned the earldom in favour of his eldest son Robert, afterwards king of Scotland, but is said to have continued to be styled earl; his father, the lord of Annandale, died 1 Apr. 1295 (*CP*, 2nd ed., iii. 55-6). It is impossible with any certainty to narrow the limits of date to less than his accession to the earldom and his own death.

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Charter of Roger Bigot earl of Norfolk giving to Hervey the baker 6 acres in Heveningham, Suff., which the donor holds of Reginald of Thorpe. (1189-1205)

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Rogerus Bigot comes Norfolch' omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Herueo pistori pro homagio suo et seruicio sex acras terre in Heueningham . quas teneo de Reginaldo de Thorp' . scilicet illas tres acras quas Wulfricus pelliparius tenuit cum masuagio . et unam peciam terre que vocatur Reielond et unam peciam que abuttat super Alualdesmedwe . et unam peciam que abuttat super pratum Normanni de Pesehall' . et unam peciam que uocatur Edwyneshyl . illi et heredibus suis tenendum de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et hereditarie per liberum seruicium duodecim denariorum annuatim inde reddendorum . scilicet ad Pascha sex denariorum et ad festum sancti Michaelis sex denariorum . pro omni seruicio et consuetudine et exactione . et ad scutagium domini regis quando euenerit ad viginti solidos unum denarium . et ad plus . plus . et ad minus . minus. Testibus Eustachio de Braham . Milone Lenuisse Rogero de Braham . Henrico de Grimill' . Normanno de Pesehall' . Willelmo et Bertramo de Verdun. Gaufrido de Grimill' . Reginaldo de Pirehou . Thoma de Braham Henrico de Pesehall' Ricardo Turgis Willelmo de Ramis Hugone Ruffo . Willelmo filio Walteri Johanne Britone . Reginaldo de Gosfeld . Willelmo de Sadenfeld et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: pink; fragmentary. Equestrian, surcoat, sword, shield with arms as on counterseal.

COUNTERSEAL, pink, fragmentary. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a lion passant to the dexter; COMITIS ROGE

The donor's father Earl Hugh died in 1177, but he himself did not obtain the earldom till 1189 (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 586-7); on the other hand, the form of address, to French and English, suggests a date not later than the loss of Normandy in 1205. The witnesses are consistent with these limits; Eustace de Braham occurs in Norfolk in 1187 (*PR 33 Hen. II*, 59) and Roger de Braham in Suffolk in 1196 (*PR 8 Ric. I*, 135); Norman of Peasenhall died before 1217 (see No. 306).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Letters patent of Edmund son of the king of England giving to master Richard of Warmington, Oxon. (*Wermyn-ton*'), for 160 marks sterling the wardship of the lands in the village of Etwall, Derbs. (*Etewell*'), which Richard de Ribuef held in chief of the grantor on the day he died; to hold with all dowers, wardships, reliefs, escheats, and all appurtenances till the lawful age of the heir of the said Richard, together with the marriage of the said heir or heirs, so that the said heir be not disparaged. Warranty and sealing clauses. Ludgershall: 8 Apr. 1291.

SEAL¹ on strip, riband below: round, $1\frac{9}{16}$ in.; green. Three lions passant with their heads conjoined into one; a star and crescent below; ✠ SIGILL[UM] EDMUNDI REXIS ANGLIE.

In 1242-3 Walter de Ribuf' held half a knight's fee in Etwall of the Earl Ferrers (*Fees*, 994). In 1266 the lands of the last Ferrers earl of Derby passed to Edmund the king's son (see No. 411 below). In 1302 Richard de Riboeuf, probably the heir here in question, held Etwall for half a fee (*FA* i. 253). Many mentions of the family will be found in Jeayes, *Derbyshire Charters*.

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Letter of John Pecham, archbishop of Canterbury, confirming all indulgences canonically granted or to be granted to Ela Longespée, countess of Warwick.
Eynsham: 1 Nov. 1284.

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Frater Johannes permissione diuina Cantuariensis ecclesie minister humilis tocius Anglie primas nobili domine et filie in Christo karissime domine Ele Longsp' comitis Warwik' salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Inter cetera caritatis et pietatis opera laudum gratiarumque libamina quibus tua deuotio occupata refertur ex animarum zelo potissime placabiliorem credentes altissimum inueniri teque ob hoc fauore et gratia specialiter prosequentes omnia et singula caritatis et pietatis suffragia tibi tam viue quam mortue canonice concessa aut concedenda a quibuscunque religiosis nobis lege metropolitana vel diocesana subiectis : necnon indulgencias quascunque a quibuscunque catholicis episcopis tibi in forma concessas canonica . vel concedendas in posterum approbantes : tenore presencium confirmamus. In cuius rei testimonium sigilli nostri munimine presentes fecimus inperpetue et sic geste rei memoriam roborari. Datum apud Eynesham kalendas Nouembris anno gratie millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo quarto et ordinacionis nostre sexto.

¹ Cf. Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 102 (plate), 103.

SEAL on green cord: pointed oval, $3\frac{5}{16} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. The Archbishop with pall and mitre, standing, his right hand in benediction, in his left a cross; ✠ RR IOHES DEI Cf. BM 1211

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, $2 \times 1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; red. Beneath a Gothic canopy the martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket; in base beneath a trefoiled arch the Archbishop mitred in profile to the sinister, half-length with hands raised; **ABDITA NO[N] PRO ME QVE SIGNAT PASSIO THOMÆ.**

This confirmation is not printed in the three volumes of Peckham's letters in the Rolls Series, and according to the analysis of the archbishop's register at Lambeth in the appendix to the third volume of the above it does not appear to have been there entered. It is therefore printed in full. For Ela countess of Warwick see No. 327 above.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Charter of Walter of Clifford, son of Agnes de Condet (*Gundi*), restoring to the monks of Dore in pure and perpetual alms the moor of Warangetky, as to which there had been a dispute between them and Reiner and Kenewreic and David, the sons of Ytheil of Builth (*Boelt*); and warranting their right to assart, plough, make meadows, enclose, and ditch it. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Alexandro de Querceto tunc senescallo meo . domino Johanne de Ebroic' . Ricardo de Clifford . Hugone de Kinardesleye . Waltero de Pantewelle . Willelmo de Bosco . Grifit Vehan et multis aliis.' (1222-64.)

SEAL on tag, same as to No. 321 above, without the counterseal; yellow; chipped on sinister side.

Nos. 321 and 362 suggest that the land lay in the parish of Gwenddwr, Brecon. The grantor succeeded his father in 1222-3, and died in 1263-4. Hugh of Kinnersley was sheriff of Hereford in 1249.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Quitclaim by William lord Ferrers of Groby, knight, to Walter Tottesden and Alice his wife and to Nicholas of Temple, son of Thomas of Temple and the said Alice, and the heirs of Nicholas, of all his right and claim in the manor of Temple next Wellsborough, Leics. (*Whelesburgh*), with its appurtenances and with all those lands and tenements with their appurtenances in the villages and fields of Carlton next Bosworth and Kirkby Mallory, Leics. Sealing clause. Groby: 16 Jan. 1439.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2 in.; red; broken on dexter side. Couched shield of arms, seven mascles, three, three, and one; on a helmet with mantling crest, on a chapeau a horse statant; **will'i : de : ferrartis [vni : de : groby]** ; cabled borders to legend. Cf. BM 9687

For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 354-7.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Giles de Argentein giving to Laurence del Broc and his heirs or to whomsoever he shall wish to assign, for his homage and service and for 10 marks of silver, a field with its appurtenances in the village of Wymondley, Herts. (*Wilemundele*), called Andrewesfeld, rendering yearly for all service &c. 5 shillings at the appointed terms of the aforesaid village. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Ricardo Filel domino . . . de Aundeule . domino Yuone de Hanle D . . . la Mare Ricardo de Boxe Radulfo Puncard' Simone Puncard' Roberto de G . . . nele . Johanne de Wlunenewike Roberto filio Johannis Johanne le cornmongere et aliis.' (1246-82.)

SEAL¹ on tag: round, c. $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, two cups; ✠ I VT.

¹ Cf. BM 6904, arms being three covered cups.

Round (*The King's Serjeants*, 264–7) discusses the Argentein family who held Great Wymondley, Herts., by the serjeanty of serving as cupbearer at the king's coronation. Richard de Argentein died in the Holy Land in 1246 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 93), and was succeeded by his son, the Giles of this charter, who died shortly before 20 Dec. 1282 (*ibid.* ii, No. 463). See also *CP*, 2nd ed. i. 196; the statement there made that the family took its name from Argenton in Poitou requires to be supported by evidence before it can be accepted.

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Charter of Hugh de Miliers giving to Roger son of Reiner of Hautbois land at Lindle in Hautbois, Norf. (1214–29)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo de Miliers . concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Rogero filio Reineri de Hobbossia et heredibus suis . totam peciam terre de feudo meo iacentem ad Lindle inter terram domini Bartholomei de Redham et terram Ricardi filii Galfridi de Scothowe abutantem super Wilsemere . pro homagio et seruicio suo et pro octo marcis argenti quas dedit michi in gersumam illi et heredibus suis tenendam de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum . libere et quiete et honorifice . reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis . quatuor solidos ad hos terminos . scilicet ad festum sancti Andree sexdecim denarios . ad Pascha sexdecim denarios . ad festum sancti Michaelis . sexdecim denarios pro omnibus seruiciis et consuetudinibus et exactionibus saluo seruicio domini regis . scilicet ad viginti solidos de scutagio quando euenerit unum denarium et ad plus plus et ad minus minus. Hiis testibus . Thoma de Hobbossia . Ada de Geddinge Ricardo le Peiteuin . Willelmo de Ristun' . Johanne de Pagraue . Galfrido de Pagraue . Willelmo de Lem Herueo filio suo . Thoma de Lem . Alano filio Heruei de Hobbossia . Andrea de Couteshale . Nicholao filio suo . Roberto filio Ricardi de Hobbossia et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. No shield, a cross vair; ✠ SIGILLVM HVGONI[S] DE M . . . ERS.

This charter is entered in the cartulary of the abbey of St. Benet of Holme (Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 86d), the page being headed *Regin' abbas*, i.e. Reginald abbot 1214–29. For Hautbois see *HKF* iii. 431–3. The family of Miliers were undertenants of the earls of Arundel in Norfolk and Suffolk (*ibid.* iii. 97, 153); they also held Overstone, Northants., of the family of Avranches, and this seems to be the fee of the new feoffment held in 1166 by Humphrey de Miliers of William d'Avranches (*RB*, 193), but the statement that it was obtained by the marriage of Humphrey de Miliers with Felicia sister of William d'Avranches (Baker, *Northamptonshire*, i. 53) seems to lack sufficient authority.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 18 words.

Charter of Robert de Scures, lord of Long Riston, Yorks., E.R., giving to Walter of Halsham, Yorks., E.R. (*Helsam*), chaplain, his heirs and to whomsoever he shall wish to give, bequeath, or assign, 14 acres of land in Long Riston, of which 8 lie in the east field between the land of the nuns of Swine and the land which Hawise, the donor's mother, once held as dower and which extend from Stanebrigsik' to the boundary of Rise; also 3 selions containing 3 acres with meadow in the same field lying between the land of

the said Hawise and the land of Peter the miller above Wlfhil which extend from the mound of the mill to the boundary of Rise; also 3 selions containing 3 acres lying in the west field between the land of Hawise and the land of Peter the miller at the southern end of Litelfen which extend from that place to the dike of the Ker (*del Ker*). Giving also to the said Walter, his heirs or assigns, 10 cartloads of turves to be dug in every place of the donor's marsh of Riston in which the donor and his heirs dig turves, and Walter, his heirs or assigns, shall carry them through the middle of the field of Riston as they please, but avoiding corn and meadow. To hold of the donor and his heirs rendering therefor yearly 1 penny at Easter for all services. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Testibus dominis Waltero de Fakenberg . Petro de Fakenberg . Symone de Witic militibus . Willelmo de Fakenberg . Johanne de Karleton' . Waltero de Apelton' . Matheo de Ruton' . Waltero Northiby de Rise . Thoma Legard de Riston . Henrico de Beningholm . et aliis.' (Second half of 13th cent., before 1274.)

SEAL on tag: shield-shaped curved at top and sides, $1\frac{5}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; uncoloured, tinted red. Shield of arms, two barrulets and four bendlets in chief; ✠ S'. ROBERTI DE SCVRES

A pedigree of Scures is given in Poulson, *Hist. of Holderness*, i. 341. Joan daughter and heir of this Robert de Scures married Robert Hildyard, who was in possession of Long Riston in 1274-5 (*ibid.* 342); this charter must therefore be earlier. The witness Walter de Fauconberge, who was summoned to parliament in 1295, held the adjoining manor of Rise (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 267). Twelfth-century charters of the Scures family relating to Long Riston are printed (*EYC* iii. 64-7).

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Charter of Gundred, countess of Norfolk, giving to Geoffrey de Broches all the land which was Lefstan Scut's in the village of Weston and in the parish of Redisham, and all the land of Howard son of Gunuar. (Late 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri . quod ego Gundr' comitissa concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Galfrido de Broches et heredibus suis pro homagio et seruicio suo totam terram que fuit Lefstan Scut in uilla de Westun' et in parochia de Redesham . scilicet septem acras in crofto et duas acras una roda minus que uocatur Strummestoft et iacent iuxta uiam que uadit uersus Sadenefeld . et dimidiam acram que iacet iuxta fontem . et tres rodas que iacent iuxta curiam Galfridi Chat uersus orientem . et tres acras una roda minus que abutant uersus domum Galfridi Chat et domum Herui filii Maholt que iacent iuxta Brocum . et tres acras que iacent iuxta terram Galfridi Chat uersus occidentem . et totam terram que fuit Howardi filii Gunuare . in crofto . scilicet . sex acras . et tres rodas iuxta Lampetes uersus orientem . et dimidiam acram que iacet iuxta uiam Sancti Eadmundi. Tenendam de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate libere et quiete ab omni consuetudine et exactione per seruicium trium solidorum et quinque denariorum . quolibet anno inde reddendorum michi et heredibus meis scilicet ad festum sancti Andree decem denarios . et ad festum sancte Marie Martialis . decem denarios . et ad festum sancti Johannis decem denarios . et ad festum sancti Michaelis . undecim denarios. Et ad seruicium domini regis ad quamlibet marcam tresdecim denarios sicut ascendet et descendet. Testibus . Roberto de Badel' . Rogero fratre eius . Johanne de Westune . Roberto de Wetacre . Alano de Mundham . Ada filio Galfridi . Roberto Noble . Roberto Geldenefot . Johanne Saxleue . Roberto

Beleperche . Michaele de Bungheia Willelmo filio Hawis . Hugone fratre eius .
Hugone peregrino et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $3\frac{1}{8} \times 2$ in.; green. A lady standing in a tight gown with long false sleeves, sprigs on either side; ✠ SIGILLUM GUNDREDE SSB DE NORFOLC . E.

The places named are Redisham, Weston, and Shadingfield in Suffolk lying close together to the south of Beccles. The donor, a daughter of Roger earl of Warwick, married, as his second wife, Hugh Bigod, earl of Norfolk. He died early in 1177, and she married secondly Roger de Glanville; she died between 1200 and 1208 (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 585–6). The witnesses are all local men; in Henry III's charter of confirmation four of them occur as benefactors of Bungay priory, founded by Gundred and her second husband (*Mon.* iv. 338). Robert Beleperche occurs under Norfolk and Suffolk in 1193 (*PR* 5 Ric. I, 25), and Alan of Mundham is a party to a Norfolk fine in 1197 (*PRS* xxiii, No. 75). In 1212 a Robert of Badley was holding one knight's fee of the earl of Clare in Suffolk (*Fees*, 137). The date probably falls within the last ten years of the 12th century.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 18 words.

Quitclaim by William de Cantilupe to John fitzAlan and his heirs of all his right and claim in the wardship and marriage of Thomas son and heir of William Hunald (*Honaud*), which William had claimed against John at Shrewsbury before the justices in eyre on the feast of St. Martin, 33 Hen. III (11 Nov. 1248). For this remission and quitclaim and for 50 marks of silver John granted for this turn (*hac vice*) to William the wardship and marriage of the said Thomas until his full age, and if Thomas should die under age the wardship and marriage of his brother and heir. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Rogero de Turkelby . Gilberto de Preston' magistro Symone de Wauton' . Johanne de Cobeham Justic' . domino Thoma Corbet Johanne Extraneo Radulfo Pincerna Thoma de Roshal' Bardulfo de Cestreton' . Rogero Buszun Odone de Hodenet et Johanne de Chetewynd et aliis.' (11 Nov. 1248 or shortly after.)

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms, three fleurs-de-lis; ✠ SIGILLUM W . .
WELMI : DE : CANTALUPO :

For William de Cantilupe see *CP*, 2nd ed. iii. 111 *n.* a. The grantee is John fitzAlan of Clun and Oswestry. In 1242–3 William Hunald held half a fee in Marton in Chirbury, Salop (*Fees*, 966) of William de Cantilupe, and a quarter of a fee in Frodesley, Salop, of John fitzAlan (*ibid.* 962). Being witnessed by the justices the date must be 11 Nov. 1248 or shortly after.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Charter of William son of William de Caprauilla of Reydon, Suff., giving to Sibton abbey, Suff., in free alms all his tenement in Heveningham and Thorp, Suff., namely in arable land, homages, services, rents, villeinages, scutages, reliefs, aids, wards, escheats, &c., free of all claim by the donor, his heirs and assigns. Warranty against Christians and Jews. Sealing clause. 'Testibus domino Willelmo de Medefeud . domino Rogero de Wymples . domino Thoma de Crauene militibus . Philippo de Heueningham . Rogero le Deneys . Willelmo de Chetestan . Alano de Derneford' Roberto filio Johannis de Heueningham . Roberto Umfrey . Stephano de Wynderville, Rogero Franceis . Radulfo Turgis.' (Late 13th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{9}{16}$ in.; pink. Equestrian, rounded helmet, surcoat, sword, shield; ✠ S' WILWELMI
DE CAPRAVILL'

COUNTERSEAL: shield-shaped, $1\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{16}$ in.; pink. Shield of arms, a goat salient; bordure or space for legend.

The date is presumably not later than 1290, when the Jews were banished. This is consistent with a charter dated 29 Apr. 1291 by which Alice de Capravilla of Reydon, late the wife of William de Capravilla, gave land in Reydon to Robert of Reydon and Ralf his son (Ancient Deed C 1546).

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Writ of Henry II, addressed to Hugh earl of Chester and Bertrade his countess, commanding that the nuns of Clerkenwell, Middx., enjoy in peace the lands and possessions given them by Rannulf earl of Chester and other barons. Westminster (1177-81)

BS FACSIMILE.

H. dei gracia rex Angl' et dux Norm' et Aquit' et comes And' . Hugoni comiti Cestrie et Bertrade comitisse . et omnibus fidelibus suis de Cestr'scir' . salutem. Precipio uobis quod faciatis sanctimoniales de Clerkenwella habere et tenere omnes res et possessiones suas et terras quas comes Randulfus et alii barones eis rationabiliter dederunt . bene et in pace et iuste . sicut carte donatorum suorum rationabiliter testantur . et easdem sanctimoniales manuteneatis et custodiatis et protegatis sicut eas que sunt in manu mea et custodia . ne quis eis uel rebus suis ullam faciat iniuriam uel contumeliam. Teste . Ricardo Winton' episcopo apud Westmonasterium.

Strip for seal torn off.

Hugh succeeded to the earldom of Chester in 1153; in July 1174 he was deprived for rebellion but was restored in Jan. 1177 and died in 1181. He married Bertrade, daughter of Simon de Montfort, count of Evreux. Richard of Ilchester, the witness, was consecrated bishop of Winchester on 6 Oct. 1174.

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Charter of Simon de Senlis III, earl of Northampton, giving to Robert of Well twelve virgates and a half in Little Paxton, Hunts. (1174-84)

BS FACSIMILE.

Comes Symon omnibus hominibus suis presentibus et futuris Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis quod dedi et concessi et hac mea carta confirmaui Roberto de Welle xij virgatas terre et dimidiam in Parua Paxtona . illi et heredibus suis tenendum de me et de heredibus meis libere . et quiete et honorifice . in bosco et plano . in pratis et pasturis . cum uis et semitis . in aquis et stangnis . in uilla et extra . et in omnibus locis cum omnibus pertinenciis eidem terre pertinentibus faciendo seruicium quarte partis unius militis. Hiis testibus Phillippo de Chimbe . Willelmo Maldit . Albrico comite de Danmartin . Rogero filio Hugonis . Hernisio de Nouauilla . Willelmo filio Hugonis . Willelmo de Basingham . Thoma clerico de Bart' . Waltero notario.

SEAL on tag: round, central portion only; red. Equestrian, sword, shield, long surcoat, saddlecloth; horse walking.

COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. A deer walking to the sinister; ✠ SIGILLVM COMITIS SIMON

The donor was the son of Simon de Senlis II, earl of Northampton or Huntingdon. The evidence suggests that in the 12th century these two territorial styles were alternatives for the same earldom. The lands seem usually to have been described collectively as the honor of Huntingdon, but it is to be noted that the *caput* of the honor was at Fotheringhay and that the court of the honor was usually held at Earl's Barton, both of which are in Northamptonshire: furthermore, the exhaustive account of the fees of the honor by Farrer (*HKF*ii. 294–416) shows that the greater amount of the lands lay in Northamptonshire. For the complicated devolution of the earldom alternating between the family of Senlis and the royal house of Scotland, who descended respectively from the first and second marriages of Maud, the daughter of Waltheof and the countess Judith, see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 638–47. The Senlis earls are generally styled simply 'comes Simon', but when they use a territorial style it is almost invariably that of Northampton; with the Scottish earls, on the other hand, it is Huntingdon in the few instances where a territorial style is used. On his father's death in 1153 the donor was a minor and did not obtain the honor till 1174, the lands and earldom till then being held by the Scottish line. In 1156 he married Alice, daughter and heir of Gilbert de Gant, earl of Lincoln (*Robert de Torigny*, ed. R. Hewlett, 189), thus obtaining possession of those lands in right of his wife; for the fees in 1166 see *RB* 381–4. It should be noted, however, that during that period he was styled 'comes Simon' (see e.g. *PR 11 Hen. II*, 49). The donee can be identified by means of a charter of Earl Simon for St. Peter's hospital, York (*EYC* ii, No. 1186), among the witnesses to which are 'Willelmo filio Walteri, Roberto filio ejus de Wella'. The father, William son of Walter, held one-fifth of a knight's fee of Earl Simon as of the honor of Gant in 1166 (*RB* 382). In 1242–3 his descendant, another Robert of Well, held more than three knights' fees and a half in Well and other places of the honor of Gant (*Fees*, 1058). Little Paxton, on the other hand, formed part of the honor of Huntingdon, and the date of the present charter therefore falls between 1174, when Earl Simon obtained that honor, and his death in 1184. The witness William Mauduit, the king's chamberlain, had married the earl's sister Isabel (*Ancestor*, v. 210).

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Charter of Manasser de Dammartin giving to Manasser his nephew, the eldest son of Odo de Compeng', all the lands, whether in Mendlesham, Wickham Skeith, or Cotton, Suff., that he held on the day the duke of Saxony married King Henry's daughter. (1168 or soon after)

BS FACSIMILE.

. Manasserus de Damm' omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Suthfolchie Francis . et Anglis . tam presentibus quam futuris ⁊ salutem. Sciatis omnes quod ego Manass' de Damm' dedi et concessi Manassero nepoti meo primogenito filio Odonis de Compeng' . omnes illas terras in humagio in terris . in bosco . in pratis . in pasturis . in planis . in uiis . in semitis . et in omnibus tenementis sicut tenuit melius illa die quo dux Saxon' desponsauit filiam Henrici regis Anglie ⁊ ubicunque tenuisset siue in Mendesh' . siue in Wich' . siue in Cott' . Omnia ista tenementa dedi ei . ego et heredes mei ⁊ illi et heredibus suis . in feodo et hereditate . scilicet reddendo singulis annis viij solidos seruitii . et defendere pro xx acris ad seruicium regis in uilla Mend' . et Robertus filius Siward deffendere ij acras et dimidiam ad seruicium regis . et terra Fiche deffendere pro iiij acris ad seruicium regis . et Helyas deffendere pro x acris ad seruicium regis . in Wich' pro toto suo tenemento deffendere pro x acris ad seruicium regis . in Cott' ad auxilium vicecomitis ⁊ obolum. Et ideo uolo et firmiter precipio ut teneat omnia tenementa sua . in bene . et in pace . quiete . et honorifice . et libere . per predictum

seruitium . ille et heredes sui / de me et heredibus meis . Rag' clerico Cott' . Willelmo Mesch' . Hiis testibus Willelmo et Hugone capellanis de Mend' . Roberto capellano de Weth'r' . Waltero capellano Cott' Hamundo et Odone de Dam' fratribus et Steffano fratre suo . et Hugone clerico fratre suo . Huberto de Bris . Rag' de Cott' . Hugone Camberlenc . Helya Cordebof . Nicholao filio War Nicholao clerico filio Wig' . Wictmer fratre suo Steffano filio coci Bartholomeo filio Odonis de Compeng' .

Tag only for seal.

William the Lion, duke of Saxony, married Maud daughter of Henry II in 1168; from its phraseology this charter cannot be very much later. For Manasser de Dammartin see the note to No. 332. Some of the names both of persons and places are violently contracted. Weth'r' is Wetheringsett, about 2 miles from Mendlesham. Hubert de Bris is the Hubert of Braiseworth who witnesses No. 332. The two names immediately before *Hiis testibus* probably belong to the witness list.

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Charter of William de Mauléon confirming to Peter son of Adam of Northampton the mill of Wollaston, Northants., as Roger de Neufbourg gave it to him. The confirmation is for the duration of William's custody of the village of Wollaston. (1199)

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus de Mauleun . omnibus hominibus . suis et amicis et omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse . Petro filio Ade de Norhant' molendinum de Wllauestona tenendum et habendum sibi et heredibus suis iure hereditario cum omnibus pertinentiis prefati molendini et libertatibus . in aquis in pratis in pascuis in molituris . et omnibus aliis libertatibus suis . sicut unquam alius ante eum prefatum molendinum melius et liberius tenuerit . et adeo libere et quiete sicut carta domini Rogeri de Nouo burgo quam ipse inde habet testatur reddendo inde annuatim unam libram piperis ad festum sancti Mikaelis pro omni seruitio. Sciant etiam omnes quod hanc prefatam concessionem ei feci quamdiu supranominata uilla de Wllauest' in custodia mea fuerit. Vt autem hec concessio mea stabilis et illesa permaneat eam presentis carte mee attestatione cum sigilli mei appositione / confirmaui. Hiis testibus . Petro de Pictaui socio meo . Roberto de Rothomago . Willelmo de Wllauest' . Willelmo de Faukenberge . Randulfo de fonte de Norhanton' . Thoma filio Ade de Norhant' . Willelmo de Legrecestria . Ricardo de Bellinga.

SEAL on tag: central portion only; uncoloured. Shield of arms, a lion rampant, dimidiating three crescents.

Wollaston was a member of the honor of Chokes, and an account of it will be found in *HKF* i. 39-41. In 1166 Roger de Neufbourg held two fees of Chokes (*RB* 334); this family had held Winfrith Newburgh, Dors., by chamberlain serjeanty since the days of Henry I (Round, *King's Serjeants*, 123), and must not be confused with the Norman house of that name which was a younger branch of the family of the earls of Warwick. The present charter records that this Roger, or a successor of the same name, gave the mill of Wollaston to Peter son of Adam, but the precise nature of the interest of the Neufbourgs in Wollaston is not clear; in 1208 William de Béthune sued Robert de Neufbourg for the manor on the ground that

he held it under a mortgage which he, William, was willing to repay (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, v. 233), and the plaintiff seems to have recovered possession. The origin of the claims of the family of Béthune on the honor of Chokes is obscure and has been dealt with by Farrer (*HKF* i. 22–6). In 1194 William de Béthune, advocate of Arras, succeeded to these claims (see note to No. 131 above), but apparently failed to make them effective. On the Pipe Roll of 1 John we find the sheriff accounting for the tallage of the men of Wollaston (p. 17) and William de 'Mallium' accounts for the farm of Wollaston (p. 20); no such entries appear on the previous or succeeding rolls. In 1199 therefore Wollaston was in the king's hand and its custody committed to William de Mauleon, a Poitevin follower of Richard I. This state of affairs is consistent with the terms of the present charter and fixes its date.

The grantee, Peter son of Adam of Northampton, was the founder of the hospital of the Holy Trinity-without Northampton in the parish of Kingsthorpe. He died in 1200 during the process of the foundation of the hospital which was completed by his son Henry (*Mon.* v. 193). William de Béthune had confirmed the mill to Peter (PRO Ancient Deed C 1897); for the reasons given in the note to No. 131 above it is unlikely that William was actually in possession of Wollaston at so early a date, and this confirmation was probably obtained as a precaution. The mill was given to the hospital by either Peter or his son Henry; the instrument is not forthcoming but early in the 13th century the hospital took the precaution of obtaining a confirmation from Robert de Neufbourg, son of Roger de Neufbourg (PRO Ancient Deed C 1909).

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Confirmation by Constance, daughter of Earl Conan, duchess of Brittany and countess of Richmond, to Sibton abbey, Suff., of the gift which Richard Pinchard had made of the empty wine casks at Boston fair, given him by her father, earl Conan. Nantes (1131–1201)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: C. T. Clay, *The Honour of Richmond*, pt. ii, 351 (*EYC* v, Yorks. Arch. Soc.) from the BS.

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BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Hugh son of Ralf giving to Nicholas son of Hugh de Wermundiswrth all the manor of Wils-thorpe, Derbs. (*Wiuielestrop*); to hold to Nicholas, his heirs or assigns, of the donor and his heirs, rendering therefor yearly a pair of white gloves at the feast of St. Martin in winter (11 Nov.) for all service except the forinsec service pertaining to that amount of land, and saving the accustomed suits and services to the chief lords of the fee of Sawley, Derbs. (*Sallowe*). Warranty clause. Nicholas has given the donor 100 marks of silver. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Hugone Lincon' tunc abbate de la Dale . domino Simone de Aslacton' tunc vicecomite Notingh' . domino Roberto de Stretley . domino Willelmo de Cressi . domino Hugone de Dun . domino Samsone de Dun . Willelmo Poyne . Hugone de Muscamph' . Alexandro Creuequer . Waltero de Morleg' . Elia de Risleg' . Hugone de Teuerey . Willelmo filio Petri de Sandiacre . Radulfo de Halum . Nicholao Beck . Elia de Retford clerico et aliis.' (1259–61.)

SEAL on double cord: round, 1 in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a fess vair; ✠ SIGILLU' . hVGON . FILI' . RAD :

Cf. BM 9755

Simon of Aslockton became sheriff of Notts. and Derby at Michaelmas 1259; on 9 July 1261 his successor was in office. In 1242–3 Hugh son of Ralf held a sixth of a knight's fee in Wils-thorpe of the bishop of Chester as of the soke of Sawley (*Fees*, 984); by his marriage with Agnes daughter and heir of Ralf of Greasley he acquired two fees in Claydon, Bucks., and one in Greasley, Notts. (*HKF* i. 162).

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Charter of John of Tuddenham, son of Roger, giving to Thetford priory the church of Little Bricett, Suff., and 12 acres of land from his demesne lying between that village and Offton; which church and land the monks had by the gift of his antecessores before Bricett came into his possession. (Late 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Nouerint presentes et futuri . quod ego Johannes de Tudeham filius Rogeri . dono et concedo et presenti carta confirmo pro me et uxore mea et infantibus meis et pro anima patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Tedf' . ecclesiam de Minori Brissete cum terris et decimiz¹ et omnibus pertinentiis suis . et duodecim acras terre de dominio meo in eadem uilla que iacent inter eam et Vffetun'. Quam uidelicet terram et ecclesiam idem monachi tenuerant antequam terra de Brissete in dominium meum ueniret . de dono antecessorum meorum qui eandem terram ante me habuerunt. Idem uero monachi concesserunt mihi et uxori mee et heredibus meis fraternitatem et oraciones ecclesie sue. His testibus . Willelmo priore et¹ Haffield . Osberto de Glanuill' . Roberto de Coquefield' . Rogerio Walteris . Osberto fratre meo . Willelmo filio Radulfi de Tedf' Huberto nepote Martini prioris . Willelmo de Redehal' . Adam Waleis . Gisleberto de Tedf' . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: central portion only; uncoloured. Equestrian.

This charter should be compared with the charter of Robert de Rames, No. 291 above, on which the present charter is obviously modelled. Yet a third charter to the same effect must have existed, since Henry II by a charter, which having passed at Thetford and being witnessed by Thomas Becket as chancellor cannot be later than 1158, confirmed to the priory, 'ex dono Willelmi filii Eadmundi ecclesiam de Minori Brisset cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum duodecim acris terre de dominio eiusdem uille' (*Mon.* v. 151). Though in form a gift the present charter would appear to be really a confirmation: there does not seem to be sufficient evidence to determine whether the original donor was Robert de Rames or William son of Eadmund. John of Tuddenham occurs under Suffolk in 1191 and 1197 (*PR 3 Ric. I*, 47, 9 *Ric. I*, 247). William prior of Hatfield Regis occurs in two charters in the British Museum circa 1175-80 (*Add. Chart.* 28332, 28334); Martin was prior of Thetford in 1189 and 1197 (*Mon.* v. 146).

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Charter of William son of Roger of Huntingfield giving with the consent of Roger his son and heir, to the monks of Castle Acre, Norf., at Mendham priory, Suff., certain named lands, and fifteen named men in the soke of Mendham with their wives and children; confirming also the gift of Roger de Hamerville of three named men with their wives and children. (Early Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE. 17½ in. across by 3 in. from top to bottom.

PRINTED: *Mon.* v. 58, from the Castle Acre cartulary.

Notum sit presentibus & futuris quod ego Willelmus filius . R. de Huntingefelt concessu Rogerii filii & heredis mei dono et concedo et hac charta confirmo . deo et sancte

¹ *Sic.*

Marie et monachis de Acra apud insulam de Brunigges hirst manentibus et deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et remissione peccatorum meorum et amicorum meorum tam uiuorum quam mortuorum . in liberam et quietam elemosinam . scilicet Langahad . et terram Gernagan . et Ulfeshag . et Micheheg . et Huffahe . et boscum de Midelhae usque ad fossatum quod ego feci ibi facere . et ultra fossatum unam acram et dimidiam . et in socha de Mendam ⁊ Wuluricum . Hodardum . Walterum . Ulfum . Hedricum . Normannum . Bondum . Richardum . Alwinum . Richardum filium Hulf . Godwinum . Aldewinnum . Osgod . Rorbertum de Bossco . Godricum de Haliac . Istos autem homines cum uxoribus & liberis et omnibus tenuris et consuetudinibus eorum ⁊ dono supradicte ecclesie in liberam et quietam et solidam elemosinam iure perpetuo. Confirmo etiam donationem Rogerii de Hameruilla . Willelmum filium Hoschetel . et Sigar . et Gerold . cum uxoribus et liberis . et seruiciis et consuetudinibus eorum . et de his tribus predictis hominibus et eorum redditibus ita prefinitum est et statutum inter me et monachos . predictę ecclesie quod non debent in alios usus distribui nisi in ecclesiam lapideam ⁊ ibidem construendam. His testibus Rogerio filio meo . Benedicto sacerdote . et Benedicto capellano . et Macharii nepote meo . et Rogerio . clerico de Acra et Willelmo de Churchunt . et Radulfo Carburnello . et Willelmo filio Rocellini . et Roberto filio Rocellini . et Willelmo Malneuut . et Willelmo de Druginar . et Rorberto Albo . et Waltero de Hameruilla . et Rocelino filio Hunfridi . et Rorberto Chancellor Rogerio filio Thoraldo . et Eiluuardo prefecto . et Rendulfo nepote meo . et Alano armigero meo Rotberto de Cucheleo.

Tag only for seal.

The early history of the Cluniac priory of Mendham, a cell of Castle Acre, is obscure. It was founded by William of Huntingfield, the present grantor, either towards the end of the reign of Stephen or early in that of Henry II. The foundation charter is printed in the *Mon.* (v. 58, No. 1) from the Castle Acre cartulary, and the present charter appears to be only slightly later. It seems to be an amplification of the original endowment, and appears to attempt to make provision for building a stone church. The founder married Sybil daughter of Roger de Gigny, with whom he obtained Harlton, Cambs., held of the honor of Giffard. She was living in 1185, aged 70 and more (*Rot. de Dominabus*, PRS, 85). In the return of knights' fees of the honor of Giffard in 1166 is the entry, 'Filius Willelmi filii Rogeri j militis' (*RB* 312). Assuming, as is extremely probable, that Farrer (*Feudal Cambridgeshire*, 256) is correct in identifying this entry with the Huntingfield fee in Harlton, William was dead in 1166; on the other hand, the present charter was made with the consent of his son Roger, who lived until 1204. A charter of William for Kirkstead abbey is printed in Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 157, and from a confirmation (*ibid.*, No. 158) we learn that he was a kinsman of Maurice de Craon. No. 292 above is a charter of his son Roger for Mendham. The spelling 'Rorbert' for 'Robert' must be a transcriber's error for 'Rotbert'. The name of the last witness is thus correctly spelt. 'Benedicto sacerdote' and 'Macharii' are so written.

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BS FACSIMILE.

Letters patent of Margaret, queen of England: whereas John de Dalyngrigg' was convicted of certain trespasses of vert before John of Foxley and his fellow justices appointed to inquire into trespasses of vert and venison in Ashdown Chace (*la chace de Asshendoune*) assigned to her in dower; and whereas the said John has made satisfaction to her for all trespasses of vert in the said chace up to the making of this letter; she pardons and forever acquits him of such trespasses. Sealing clause. London: 14 Nov. 1315.

SEAL on strip cut off only to about the middle of the document, riband cut to less than an inch of the left-hand side: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms, ENGLAND and FRANCE dimidiated; in some of the cusps a lion rampant [BRABANT]. Cf. BM 799

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Charter of Walter de Capeles giving all his land of Santon Downham, Suff., to John de Hudebouill' in free marriage with Alice his sister. (13th century, before 1242-3)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus de Capeles dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui . Johanni de Hudebouill' cum Alicia sorore mea et heredibus illorum qui de predicto Johanne et Alicia nacebunt totam terram meam de Dunham cum pertinentiis in libero maritagio in terris . in hominibus . in domibus . in pratis . in pascuis . in piscariis . in mariscis . in turbariis . et in omnibus introitibus et exitibus . faciendo michi et heredibus meis . ille et heredes qui de predicto Johanne et Alicia nacebunt seruitium dimidii militis . et duas marcas argenti per annum ad quatuor terminos scilicet ad festum sancti Andree dimidiam marcam argenti . et ad pascha dimidiam marcam et ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste dimidiam marcam et ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam. Et preterea ad wardam de Norwiz faciendam in die Pentecost' decem et octo denarios et obolum pro omnibus seruitiis et exactionibus . salua donatione ecclesie eiusdem ville . mihi et heredibus meis. Quare uolo quod predicti Johannes et Alicia et heredes illorum qui de illis procedunt teneant et habeant bene . et honorifice totum predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinentiis et franchisis. Ego uero predictus Walterus et heredes mei warantizabimus sepedicto Johanni et Alicie et heredibus illorum qui de predicto Johanne et Alicia nacebunt predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinentiis per predictum seruitium contra omnes homines et feminas. Hiis testibus . Hugone Talemache Godefrido de Cramanuill' . Jame de Sancto Claro . Herueo de Vlueston' . Rogero de Muriaus Hosberto fratre Rogero filio eius Alexandro de Suberia . Ricardo filio eius Johanne de Cramauill' . Roberto de Tikehull' . Hosberto de Weibrede . Gill' de Medebem . Et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, fretty a fess; ✠ SIG
AUTERI DE CÆ S

In 1242-3 John de Hudebovill' was holding a quarter of a knight's fee in Santon Downham of Walter de Capell', who held of the earl of Oxford (*Fees*, 920). In spite of the discrepancy as to the tenure, this must be the land dealt with in the present charter, for in 1302 a Nicholas de Mereseye held a quarter of a fee in Santon Downham of the earl of Oxford (*FA* v. 32), and in 1346 a later Nicholas de Mereseye held similarly (*ibid.* 80), and there is no trace of any other tenure in Downham under the earl of Oxford.

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BS FACSIMILE.

Demise by Aliua Burnel, late the wife of Edward Burnel, in her lawful widowhood to John de Haudlo and Maud his wife of her manor of Acton Burnel, Salop, which after the death of the said Edward was assigned to her as dower in the king's court; to hold to the aforesaid John and Maud his wife for the whole term of the grantor's life as fully as it was assigned her as dower, so that neither the grantor nor anyone in her name shall exact anything therefrom. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus dominis Hugone le Despenser fratre meo . Ingramo Berenger . Willelmo de Tracy . Ricardo de Lousches militibus . Nicholao de Persshote Thoma le Botiler Thoma de la Mare Waltero de Baldok Rogero Soudan et aliis.' Bedhampton, Hants: 27 July 1316.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; pink. Two shields of arms with [?] foliage above; (i) a lion rampant [BURNEL]; (ii) quarterly a bend [DESPENSER]; **SIGILLUM . ALIVE . BURNEL**

For a pedigree of Burnel see Eyton, *Shropshire*, vi. 134; see also *CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 434 et seq. Edward Burnel was the son and heir of Philip Burnel, who was nephew and heir of Robert Burnel, Edward I's chancellor; he died *s.p.* shortly before 1 Sept. 1315 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* v, No. 611). Maud was Edward's sister and heir; she married firstly John Lovel of Titchmarsh, who died 24 June 1314 and by whom she had a son and heir John Lovel; and secondly John de Haudlo (*CP* viii. 217 and vi. 400). Aliva was daughter of Hugh le Despenser of Loughborough and sister of Hugh le Despenser 'the elder', created earl of Winchester in 1322 (*ibid.* iv. 262–6). Although the eventual heir was John Lovel, Maud's son by her first husband, the bulk of the Burnel lands passed to Nicholas, her son by John de Haudlo, who assumed the name of Burnel and was summoned to Parliament as Lord Burnel (*ibid.* ii. 435). Bedhampton belonged to Hugh le Despenser, Aliva's brother (*FA* ii. 320). The fact that her seal clearly shows the spelling 'Alive' suggests that the grantor's name should not be spelled 'Alina'.

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Charter of Geoffrey Capra granting to Roger the canon of Normansburgh and his brethren and their successors the mill of Tittleshall, Norf., beside their house and the water meadow below the mill. (1166–circa 1189)

BS FACSIMILE.

Notum sit presentibus et futuris . quod ego Gaufridus Capra concessi Rogero canonico ecclesie sancte Marie et sancti Johannis de Normanesberht fratribusque suis et eorum successoribus molendinum de Titeleshale que est iuxta domum eorum . et holme quod est sub molendino imperpetuum tenendum¹ de me et de meis heredibus ita libere et quiete sicut de patre meo tenuerunt. His testibus domino Willelmo Capra omnia ista concedente et teste . Ricardus² de Lisuus . Durandus de² Strange . Gaufridus de Lunguil . Hamo de Patesle . Alanus de Weseham . Robertus filius Hane . Robertus de Godeuic . Radulfus Hardel.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; uncoloured; chipped. A goat to the sinister; ✠ **GALF APRA**

About the year 1160 William de Lisewis founded at Normansburgh in South Rainham, Norf., a small religious house for canons; the evidence available is insufficient to show whether the foundation was regular or secular, but at this period secular corporations were not being founded with any frequency and it was probably Augustinian. The house must have languished and possibly died out, for Geoffrey

¹ *t* interlined.

² *Sic.*

de Lisewis, the founder's son, transferred it to Castle Acre priory, whereupon it became Cluniac, and if any canons survived they were displaced by monks. This was not earlier than 1186, since Geoffrey's charter (*Mon.* v. 69) is witnessed by William prior of Lewes, a successor of Hugh who resigned in that year (*VCH Sussex*, ii. 70). The transfer is confirmed by John bishop of Norwich in a charter (*Mon.* v. 70) witnessed by master Reiner, almost certainly the Reiner who became an archdeacon probably *circa* 1187 and who had ceased to be an archdeacon by 1195 (see 'Early Archdeacons of Norwich Diocese', in *Proc. of Suffolk Institute of Archaeology &c.*, xx. 25). On the whole the transfer may with reasonable safety be placed between 1186 and 1189. The gift of the mill and land in Tittleshall here confirmed was originally made by Michael Capra and William his son and heir to Stephen the canon of Normansburgh and his brethren (Add. Chart. 24307). Michael held 4 knights' fees of Walter fitzRobert in 1166 (*RB* 347) and in 1236 Hamo Chevre held 2 fees in Tittleshall and Wixoe of Walter's successor (*Fees*, 577). Geoffrey must be a younger son of Michael and the William Capra who witnesses and confirms this charter Michael's son and heir. The date must be later than the death of Michael and earlier than *circa* 1189, by which time the house had been transferred to Castle Acre.

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Charter of King John confirming to Boxley abbey, Kent, gifts of marsh in Sharpness by Alfred de la Gare, William son of Gocelin, William Wayfier, and Warin son of Warin. Winchester: 3 May 1204

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

PRINTED: *Rot. Chart.* i. 130 from the charter roll.

Johannes dei gratia rex Angl' . dominus Hybern' . dux Norm' . Aquit' . et comes And' . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus baronibus . justic' . vicecomitibus . prepositis . et omnibus balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse deo et beate Marie de Boxeleia et abbatibus et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus rationabiles donationes subscriptas . scilicet ex dono et concessione Aluredi de la Gare totum mariscum de Scerpenesse qui fuit ipsius Aluredi qui iacet inter Medewaye et Scepfliet et Holfliet et inter mariscum Cecilie de Scapeia cum piscariis et omnibus pertinentiis suis et omnibus aysiamentis. Ex dono et concessione Willelmi filii Gocelini totum mariscum de Scerpenesse qui fuit ipsius Willelmi qui iacet inter mariscum Aluredi de la Gare et mariscum qui fuit Roberti de Leyburne . in orientali parte cum sexaginta ouibus ad eundem mariscum pertinentibus et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et aysiamentis. Ex dono et concessione Willelmi Wayfier totum mariscum de Sarpenesse qui fuit ipsius Willelmi cum omni stauramento quod portare potest et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et aysiamentis. Ex dono et concessione Warini filii Warini totum mariscum de Sarpenesse qui fuit ipsius Warini cum toto stauramento et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et aysiamentis sicut carte predictorum donatorum quas inde habent rationabiliter testantur. Q[uare volumus]¹ et firmiter precipimus quod predicti abbas et monachi habeant et teneant predictos mariscos cum omnibus pertinentiis suis b[ene et]¹ in pace . libere et quiete et integre in omnibus locis et rebus cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad mariscos [illos]¹ pertinentibus sicut predictum est . et quod decetero non adquirant

¹ The charter was already decayed in 1641.

in manerio illo aliquod tenementum sine licentia et consensu nostro . et quod decimationes inde parochiali ecclesie integre persoluant et debita seruicia inde faciant que in cartis predictorum donatorum continentur. *Testibus* G. filio Petri comite Essex' . W. comite Sar' . Willelmo de Breosa . Roberto filio Rogeri . Willelmo Briwerr' . Hugone de Neuill' . Roberto de Veteri ponte . Willelmo de Cantilupo . Data per manum domini S. Cicestrensis electi apud Winton' tertio die Maii anno regni nostri quinto.

SEAL on pink cord: green; much broken. Great Seal of King John, obv. and rev.

Sharpness is an island known as Sharfleet Marshes. The name Sharpness is now applied only to the north-west point.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Roger de Valoynis giving to Aylenus his esquire 30 acres of wood and 2 acres of pasture lying in the wood which the king gave to his (Roger's) father in the village of Harlow, Ess. (*Herlawia*), whether it be more or less, as it lies between the wood of Robert de Walda and the wood called Mersfrytz: to hold of the donor and his heirs to Aylenus, his heirs and assigns, rendering therefor yearly 10 shillings of silver and doing suit to the donor's court like the other free tenants. Warranty clause. 'Hiis testibus . Roberto de Hastings Ricardo de Herlawia Daud de Fletwic Roberto de Walda . Radulfo de Walda Ricardo de Canne Radulfo de Ry Willelmo filio Gilberti Firand' clerico et aliis.' (*circa* 1230.)

SEAL on tag: round, central portion only; green. An eagle displayed.

It is impossible to determine the donor's place in the Valognes pedigree. David of Flitwick was holding half a knight's fee in Harlow of Margery de Reviers *circa* 1236 (*Fees*, 608). Since between 1200 and 1311 four successive members of the family were called David, this is not much use for dating purposes, although it seems probable that he is the second David who died in 1247 (*BHRS* x. 272). Richard de Canne takes his name from Great Canney and was living in 1224 (*EPNS Essex*, 221). The formulas suggest a date in the latter part of the first half of the century. The manor of Weld or Sewells in Harlow was written Walda in medieval records (Morant, *Essex*, ii. 485).

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Charter of Walter of Clifford, giving to Dore abbey, Heref., with the assent of his wife Agnes, in free alms, Nantegliis, with its appurtenances according to the boundaries set out; reserving to himself the right of hunting and the nests of hawks.
(1199-1203)

BS FACSIMILE, first 21 words.

Sciant omnes sancte matris ecclesie filii presentes et futuri . Anglici . et Walenses . quod ego Walterus de Clifford filius Walteri de Clifford dedi et concessi assensu uxoris mee Agnetis et heredum meorum et consilio legalium hominum meorum . pro anima mea et uxoris mee et pro animabus patrum et matrum nostrarum et omnium predecessorum et successorum nostrorum . deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Dora et abbati et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam .

locum de Nantegliis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ex utraque parte riuili qui uocatur Kaleturbohchan . scilicet supra prenominatum locum de Nantegliis ex utraque parte riuili sursum usque ad Epint . et subtus ex una parte predicti riuuli usque ad locum ubi Nantkarntathereth cadit in Kaletur . et ex alia parte Kaletur usque ad locum ubi Nantmanach cadit in Kaletur et ita totam terram in bosco et in plano infra Nantmanach et Kaletur bochan usque ad capud Nantmanach quod est inter Wuritkej et Epint . sicut Nantmanach descendit usque in Kaletur. Et preterea dedi et concessi antedictis monachis totam terram in bosco et in plano ultra Kaletur maur sicut Kaletur maur descendit ab Epint usque in Waiam et usque ad fines de Buelt . scilicet per uiam a Mennelin usque ad Erinwedhauc et a Erinwedhauc usque ad Nantlehdunant et sicut Nantlehdunant cadit usque in Waiam. Omnes istas terras quas supranominaui dedi et concessi antedictis monachis in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam . in bosco et in plano . in pratis et pascuis in viis et in semitis . in stangnis in aquis et molendinis . ad assartandas . claudendas . excolendas et fossendas¹ et secundum beneplacitum eorum tractandas . libere et quiete ab omni seruicio seculari et exactione que ad dominum pertinent uel pertinere possunt . et si aliquod seruitium euenerit ⁊ ego et heredes mei predictos monachos adquietabimus. Volo autem ut predicti monachi habeant et teneant predictas terras in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam . bene et in pace libere et quiete honorifice et plenarie integre et inconcusse cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad predictas terras pertinentibus . et ut predicti monachi de supradictis terris in bosco et in plano in pratis et pascuis . in uiis et in semitis in stangnis in aquis et molendinis omne beneplacitum suum faciant et tam boscum quam planum secundum uelle suum tractent. Si autem fere de foresta mea uel aliunde infra supradictas terras monachorum transierint ⁊ uenatus meus erit . et si ancipiter nidum suum ibi fecerit ⁊ nidus meus erit. Si autem aliqui in supradictis terris aliquod ius uel aliquam libertatem clamauerint ⁊ ego et heredes mei predictos monachos adquietabimus et warantizabimus. Et si aliqui in predictis terris uel pascuis monachorum contra voluntatem eorum per uim uel aliquam uiolentiam intrare uoluerint ⁊ ego et heredes mei omnes predictas terras monachorum tanquam terras meas dominicas et forestam meam dominicam defendemus et warantizabimus. Pro ista autem concessione et confirmatione dederunt mihi predicti monachi in introitu centum marcas et unum equum. Et quia uolo quod hoc ratum et inconcussum permaneat inperpetuum ⁊ presenti scripto et sigilli mei inpressione confirmaui. His testibus . Waltero abbate de Sancto Domuele tunc electo Meneuensi . Willelmo de Breosa . et Willelmo iuniore filio suo . Ricardo de Cliford . Reginaldo de Báálun et Johanne filio suo . Ricardo decano de Hereford . magistro Symone . Roberto de Cliford . Roberto Folet . canonicis de Hereford . et toto eiusdem loci capitulo . Reginaldo Folet . Willelmo de Cliford . Willelmo de Burchulla . et Pagano filio eius Daud de Burchulla . Willelmo de Weldebus Willelmo de Bosco . Hugone de Dunra . Gileberto de Mauns . Johanne de¹ Puer ⁊ Waltero de Trauellee . Ricardo iuniore de Aberleueni . Johanne filio Radulfi . Simone de Cliford . Philippo Bras . Madoc

¹ Sic.

Bohchan . Henrico de Penketlin . Driu de Hida . Gaufrido priore de Dora . Henrico subpriore . Stephano monacho . Hugone et Osmundo conuersis . et multis aliis.

SEAL on pink plaited cord: round, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.; green. Equestrian, rounded helmet, surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIGILLVM WALTERI DE CLIFFORD

The donor is the Walter of Clifford who married Agnes daughter and heir of Roger de Condēt and who died in 1222–3 (*Reg. Antiquiss.*, L.R.S. i. 283). Walter abbot of St. Dogmells was elected bishop of St. David's in 1199 in opposition to Giraldus Cambrensis, who had also been elected; on 15 Apr. 1203 the pope quashed both elections (Lloyd, *Hist. of Wales*, ii. 626–9). For the witness Reginald de Ballon see Round, *Peerage and Family History*, 204); he was living in 1202 (*PR 4 John*, 274), but died before Michaelmas 1203 (*PR 5 John*, 57). The lands in question lay in the parish of Gwenddwr, some six miles south of Builth, Brecs., and just west of the river Wye. The Eppynt is a range of mountains west of Gwenddwr. A later charter of Walter of Clifford, the donor's son and heir, follows the operative part of the present charter verbatim but for one slight addition (*Mon.* v. 554): cf. also No. 321. The *Mon.* charter was confirmed by Henry III on 20 Aug. 1227 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 58).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 16 words. Indented. French.

Letter of Joan de Mortemer, countess of March. Whereas Thomas de Breouse, son of Peter de Breouse, is bound to her by a recognizance in chancery to pay 3,000 marks at Michaelmas next coming, Joan grants for herself, her heirs, and executors that if the said Thomas take money or other castles in settlement of the dispute between Thomas, son of the king of England Earl Marshal, of the one part, and Beatrice, Joan's daughter, of the other as to the manors of Bosham and its members, Suss., Hinton Waldrist, Berks., (*Henton*), and Ascot and Deddington, Oxon. (*Dadington*'), and if the money so received, together with money to the value of other castles received on the same account, be deposited in a fitting place agreed on by Thomas de Breouse and by Joan, or friends appointed by her, to remain so deposited until Thomas with the said money purchase within three years of its receipt lands and tenements, fiefs and advowsons to him and the said Beatrice and the heirs of their bodies with remainder in default of such heirs to the right heirs of Beatrice, then the said recognizance for 3,000 marks shall be void and of none effect. She further grants that the force (*execucion*) of the said recognizance shall cease if Thomas shall have received in whole or in part the money on the account aforesaid, provided that he shall not be found guilty of default or slackness (*lachesse*) in his attempt to recover the aforesaid manors, or other lands and tenements, fiefs or advowsons, or money or other castles equivalent to the said manors by the judgement and assent of Joan or her friends, appointed by her thereto. Sealing clause. 'Ay ceux tesmoignes Mons' Johan de Breouse Mons' Thomas de Blauncfrount . Mons' Rauf Bygot Sir Michel de Wach Sire Johan de Seynt Poul . Willem' Skot sergaunt . Johan de Bray de Middelsex et plusours austres.' Grays Thurrock, Ess.: 9 Aug. 1334.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red; chipped. Within a cusped and pointed panel a shield of arms, barry a chief paly and corners gyronny, an escutcheon [MORTIMER], dimidiated by three brays in pale, on a chief a demi-lion rampant issuant [JOINVILLE].

Joan daughter of Peter de Joinville of Ludlow (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 634) married Roger de Mortimer, earl of March, hanged in 1330 (*ibid.* viii. 441); their daughter Beatrice married Edward, son and heir apparent of Thomas of Brotherton, earl of Norfolk and Marshal, fifth son of Edward I (*ibid.* ix. 599). Beatrice married as her second husband Thomas de Braiose (*ibid.* ii. 308). At his death in 1361 Thomas de Braiose was holding the manor of Bosham in right of his wife Beatrice who had it for life by the gift of Thomas of Brotherton (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* xi, No. 38); such gift must have been a term in the settlement of the dispute mentioned in this instrument. It is clear that the marriage of Thomas and Beatrice was shortly to take place, and this fixes its approximate date; it follows that Edward, Beatrice's first husband, must have died not later than the first half of 1334.

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Charter of John de Curcy giving to Robert Bruton two virgates of land in the fields of Middleton Cheney, Northants. (Before 1197)

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Johannes de Curcy dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Roberto Brutoni duas virgatas terre in campis de Midilton'. illas scilicet que Babbe et Saieue tenuerunt . pro homagio et seruicio suo cum omnibus pertinentiis . in villa in pratis in pascuis in in¹ campis . in viis in semitis et in omnibus libertatibus eidem terre pertinentibus. Tenendas de me et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui libere et quiete pacifice et honorifice ab omni seruicio excepto forinseco seruicio domini regis reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui xij denarios scilicet ad Pascha. Hiis testibus . Willelmo sacerdote de Milton' Ricardo de Leonibus . Jordano de Curcy . Ricardo Chaudel . Godardo Ricardo filio Roberti Jordano de Harewod' . Radulfo Passelewe Henrico de Gatwod' Radulfo de Longauilla . Ada camerario . Traci . Philippo Chaudel . Oseberto de Hunet . Ricardo Blundel . Matheo de Mort' . Ernaldo de Aston' et multis aliis.

SEAL on cord: round, 2½ in.; brown; chipped at side. A boar to the sinister; scrolled background; ✠ SIGILLVM IOHANNI CVRCI

Besides the manor which gave Middleton its surname Cheney there was a Curcy holding in that village. The Northamptonshire Survey *temp.* Henry I records, 'In Middleton William Meschin i hide and a half and one small virgate of the fee of William de Curcy' (*VCH Northants.* i. 368). Round (*Feudal England*, 222) points out that this entry is misleading, since William Meschin was the tenant in Henry I's reign and his barony was held by his grandson William de Courcy in Henry II's reign. At Michaelmas 1201 the sheriff accounted for £4 the farm of Middleton, the land of John de Courcy (*PR 3 John*, 187); in 1202 the render was for the full year (*PR 4 John*, 152). This identifies John de Curcy with the conqueror of Ulster who fell into disgrace with the king in 1201 (Orpen, *The Normans in Ireland*, ii. 136); this being so, the witness Jordan de Curcy can be identified with John's brother who was slain in Ireland in 1197 (*ibid.* ii. 134). The witness Richard de Leonibus occurs on the Northamptonshire Assize Roll of 1202 (*NRS*, v, No. 598). No definite evidence is forthcoming for the earlier limit of date. The identity of Midilton with Middleton Cheney seems certain. Baker (*Hist. of Northamptonshire*, i. 650) cites a charter in the Canons Ashby priory cartulary by which John de Curcy gave a virgate in Middleton to that house: at the Dissolution the priory possessed a rent of 13s. 4d. from land in Myddleton Chaynay (*Mon.* vi, pt. i. 444). Baker (*loc. cit.*) cites this charter from the 'Hatton Portfolio of Deeds', but does not give the number. No. 270 was made at Middleton Cheney 14 May 1310. One of the witnesses is William le Bruton of Middleton, doubtless a later member of the grantee's family.

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Notification by William de Merlai that he and his men have given a carucate of land to the hospital of Morpeth, Northumb. (circa 1145-65)

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

PRINTED: *Mon.* v. 400, *ex autographo in bibliotheca Hattoniana*. First seven witnesses only: Hodgson, *History of Northumberland*, pt. ii, ii. 469 from *Mon.*

Willemus de Merlai omnibus suis hominibus et amicis et uicinis . clericis . et laycis .

¹ Sic.

Francigenis . et Angligenis . necnon et omnibus dilectis filiis sancte matris ecclesie . salutem. Notum sit uobis et omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris ad quorum noticiam et audientiam littere iste peruenerint : me et meos homines dedisse et concessisse in perpetua elemosina unam carrucatam terre domui infirmorum de Morpatde pro animabus patrum et matrum et antecessorum nostrorum . et nostra salute et pro remissione omnium peccatorum nostrorum . tam libere et tam quiete quam liberius et quietius ulla domus infirmorum potest habere uel habet in tota Anglia suarum donationem elemosinarum . uel sicut ulla elemosina melius et liberius et quietius ullo modo potest tribui et concedi et perhenniter donata haberi. Istam autem donationem meam et meorum hominum fieri et teneri et haberi sicut perhenne¹ elemosinam perhenniter concedo et cartule huius inscriptione et sigilli mei adtestatione confirmo. Testibus istis . Petro de Morpatde . Helya sacerdote . Gaufrido parchier . Waltero de Rochesbore Aldret de Windegate Raignaldo filio Wulfoe¹ Petro ianitore Radulfo filio Soleman . Nicholao . Willelmo molendinario . Grimbardo de Runcheuill' Solema¹ de Morpatd' . Alano sutore . Roberto de Belm' Rogero de Merlai . Adam de Plaiseit . Roberto filio Petri . Willelmo de Cliftonia.

SEAL on tag: tinted red; fragment. Equestrian, sword, surcoat.

A pedigree of Merlai will be found in Hodgson, *Hist. of Northumberland*, pt. ii, ii. 374. Rannulf de Merlai, the grantor's father, founded the abbey of Newminster circa 1137 and a charter of his (*Mon.* v. 399) suggests that he survived the foundation for an appreciable time. William himself was living in 1162 (*PR 8 Hen. II*, 10), but by Michaelmas 1165 had been succeeded by his brother Roger (*PR 11 Hen. II*, 28). Hodgson (op. cit. 440) says that this charter is the only evidence known to him for the existence of the hospital.

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Letters patent of John de Grey of Rotherfeld Greys, Oxon., steward of the household, granting to John de Welles, lord of Faxton, Northants., or his steward, to hold his hundred courts and leets in Faxton, notwithstanding the presence of the king and their being within the verge of the court. Northampton: 16 Nov. 1353

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Johannes de Grey de Rotherfeld senescallus hospicii domini Regis omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Volentes dilecto nobis Johanni de Welles domino de Faxton' ex hiis que officio nostro pertinent quantum in nobis est gratiam facere specialem dedimus eidem Johanni de Welles seu eius senescallo licenciam tenendi curias suas hundredorum ac letas in villa de Faxton' presencia domini Regis et infra virgam non obstante. Ita tamen quod de placitis transgressionis atque felonie post aduentum ipsius domini Regis in presencia sua et infra virgam emergentibus nullatenus se intromittat. In cuius rei testimonium eidem Johanni de Welles seu eius senescallo has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes usque festum Purificacionis beate Marie

¹ Sic.

proxime sequens duraturas. Dat' apud Northampton¹ xvj die Nouembri anno regni regis Edwardi nunc tertii post conquestum xxvij regno vero sui Francii xiiij.

SEAL on strip cut two-thirds across document, riband below cut to within 1½ in. of left-hand of document: round, 1½ in.; red. Shield of arms, barry surmounted by a bendlet; a lion passant guardant at the top and either side of the shield; no legend.

For John de Grey see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 145-7 and for John de Welles, *ibid.* 1st ed. viii. 76. This licence was issued by the steward in his judicial capacity. Tout says of the steward, 'the recognized judge of the members of the household and over all offences committed within the "verge" of the court, he was always attempting to enlarge the limits of the "verge", until no subject dwelling within a day's journey of where the king might happen to be, felt himself safe from the steward's encroachment' (*Chapters in Medieval Administrative History*, ii. 33). John de Grey, says Tout, 'attained almost a record, in holding his office for over nine years between 1350 and 1359 and then only vacating it by death' (*ibid.* iii. 219).

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Charter of Richard of Coombe giving to Thomas son of Philip de Hynwude a virgate of land in Fittleton, Wilts., in free marriage with Richard's sister Alice. (Early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus de Cumbe . dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Thome filio Philippi de Hynewude unam virgatam terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in Phiteletone in liberum maritagium cum Alicia sorore mea scilicet illam virgatam terre quam Rannulfus filius Eue tenuit. Habendam et tenendam de me et de heredibus meis . predicto Thome et heredibus suis de predicta Alicia procreatis libere et quiete honorifice et pacifice in omnibus locis ab omni seruicio et exactione ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente saluo regali seruicio. Preterea dedi et concessi predicto Thome et heredibus suis de predicta Alicia procreatis in perpetuum et hereditarie super dominicam pasturam meam de Fitelton' sexaginta bidentes matrices . cum bidentibus meis matricibus uel heredum meorum sub custodia mea uel heredum meorum et in ouili meo uel heredum meorum scilicet libere et quiete de herbagio et de omni exactione . et saluis exitibus predictarum sexaginta bidentium remanentibus predicto Thome et heredibus suis de predicta Alicia procreatis . scilicet in agnis et lacte et lana . et octo boues et duos affros super pasturam de Fiteleton cum dominicis bobus et affris meis uel heredum meorum quietos de herbagio . et viginti porcos superannatos cum exitibus eorum in dominicis campis meis de Fiteleton quietos de pannagio et herbagio. Preterea dedi et concessi predicto Thome et heredibus suis de predicta Alicia procreatis ut habeant communem pasturam de Fiteleton cum hominibus eiusdem uille . scilicet tantum quantum pertinet ad unam virgatam terre in Fiteleton'. Et ut hec donacio mea et concessio et carte mee confirmacio rata permaneat et inconcussa hanc cartam meam impositione sigilli mei corroboraui. Hiis testibus Ricardo de Heird' Matheo de Scures Henrico de Ferli Ricardo Makerele

¹ *Notth'* BS.

Henrico de Bouill' . Gregorio Wastehuse . Simon de Fifhide . Stephano de Bricd-
marestone . Johanne de Niperauene Willelmo Trenchefuill' . Waltero de Hull' Johanne
de Heird' clerico et multis aliis.

SEAL on brown cord: round, 2 in.; brown. On the dexter a fleur-de-lis, on the sinister three demi-lions
passant guardant to the sinister in pale; ✠ SIGILL' RICARDI DE COOMBE . FILI' . IOHANNIS

The hand of the few words in facsimile, the absence of a warranty clause, the spelling of Netheravon,
the type of seal, and the way it was attached, all suggest a date early in the 13th century. Richard of
Coombe had been succeeded by Simon of Coombe by 1220, when he sued Thomas Makerel for a mill
in Fittleton which John of Coombe, Simon's grandfather, had mortgaged to him for a term which had
expired (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.* i. 46). Simon was holding Fittleton in 1235 (*Fees*, 423). The seal on the
present charter shows that Richard's father was John, presumably the John of Coombe, Simon's grand-
father, mentioned in 1220. See No. 378 below.

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*Charter of Thomas son of Nigel of Pinchbeck, Lincs., confirming to Frieston priory,
Lincs., the gifts of his father within and without the villages of Boston and
Frieston. (circa 1242-3)*

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Notum sit omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit quod ego Thomas filius
Nigelli de Pincebeke concessi et hac mea presenti carta confirmaui pro anima patris
mei et matris mee et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et antecessorum et heredum
meorum omnem donationem quam pater meus dedit deo et ecclesie sancti Jacobi de
Freston' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in terris in domibus et redditibus infra
villam de Sancto Botulfo et de Freston' et extra. Quare uolo ut prefati monachi
habeant et teneant omnia illa predicta libere solute et quiete libera . quieta et soluta
ab omni seruicio seculari et exactione secundum tenorem munimentorum patris mei
que dicti monachi habent. Et ego dictus Thomas et heredes mei warantizabimus et
defendemus omnia predicta dictis monachis in perpetuum / sicut puram et perpetuam
elemosinam. Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmatio in perpetuum firmum robur
optineant / presens scriptum sigillo meo corroboraui. Testibus hiis . Domino Rogero
de Huntingfelt . Alexandro de Pointon' . Radulfo de Fenn' . Johanne de Edlington' .
Laurentio fratre eius . Willelmo de Rupe . Clemente filio Alardi . Alano de Butterwic' .
et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms, three crescents a label of five points; ✠ S' THOME :
DE : PINCEBEC

The extreme limits of date are given by the death of Roger of Huntingfield's father William in 1220 and
Roger's death in 1257 (*CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 671), but the grantor and all the witnesses except the fifth and
seventh occur in the returns of 1242-3 as holding land in Lincolnshire, the majority in Frieston or its
immediate neighbourhood (*Fees*, 1002, 1007, 1010). The grantor and most of the witnesses held of the
Creon family, the founders of Frieston priory, a cell of Crowland.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words. French.

Letters patent of Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln (*Nichole*) and constable of Chester, appointing John Huberd, his bailiff of [Long] Buckby, his attorney to put John son of Philip of Daventry in full seisin of 5½ acres of land lying in the field of Buckby in a place called Frascroft which he has given him. He also appoints the said John Huberd his attorney to take seisin in his name of all the tenements which he has of the gift and lease of the said John son of Philip in the moor of Murcott (*Morecote*). Castle Donnington, Leics.: 14 May 1292.

SEAL on strip cut three-quarters across document, riband below cut to c. 1 in. from left side of document: red; central portion only. Shield of arms, a lion rampant [LACY].

For Henry de Lacy see *CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 681 et seq.

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Duplicate of No. 327.

SEAL on tag: a rough drawing uncoloured, a lady standing with a blank shield of arms on either side of her; apparently different from No. 327.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. Indented.

An agreement made between Eva Pecche and Everard the parker of Birdbrook, Ess. (*Bridbroc*), namely that Eva has given and quitclaimed to Everard and his heirs all the land which his predecessors held of her late lord, Hamo Pecche, and his predecessors in the village of Birdbrook by the yearly performance of the service due and accustomed and by the custody of the park, as the charters of the aforesaid Hamo and his predecessors witness. 'Et si contingat dictum Eborardum uel heredes suos quid vel in aliquo modo terram predictam alienare uel vendere predicta domina Eua Pecch' uel heredes sui in illa empcione propinquiores erunt quam aliqui alii pro tanta porcione quam aliquis alius rationaliter pro ea dare voluerit.' Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Hugone Pecch' domino Roberto Pecch' domino Hamone Pecch' domino Willelmo de Heford' magistro Roberto de Rohemg' Symone de Blauerry Gilberto filio Warini Thoma de Cranden' Alano de Sancto Martino Petro de Plicheden' Stephano de Stanham et aliis.' (1241–after 1266.)

SEAL on tag: uncoloured; much broken. A lady standing with a shield of arms on her right side, a fess between two chevrons [PECCHÉ].

For Eva Pecche see *CP*, 2nd ed. x. 335; she was a foreigner. Her husband, Hamo Pecche, died in the Holy Land in 1241; Eva was living in 1266. The first three witnesses were her sons.

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*Letter of James Butler, earl of Ormond, informing his tenants of Great Linford, Bucks., that he has confirmed his manor of Great Linford to John de Alueton'.
Great Linford: 17 Nov. 1329*

BS FACSIMILE, first 7 words.

; Jacobus le Botiller de Hibernia comes Ermonie omnibus tenentibus suis de Lynford Magna tam liberis quam natiuis salutem. Quia concessimus et confirmauimus Johanni

de Alueton' manerium nostrum de Lynford Magna prout plenius continetur per quoddam scriptum penes dictum Johannem remanens vobis mandamus quod eidem Johanni scitis intendentes et respondentes secundum tenorem dicti scripti. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Datum apud Lynford Magnam die veneris proxima post festum sancti Martini . anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tercio.

SEAL on strip: red; central portion only. Shield of arms, a chief indented [BUTLER].

John Pipard married in or before 1290 Maud daughter of Theobald Butler. In Feb. 1310 he granted the reversion of his English lands after his death to his brother-in-law Edmund Butler, father of the grantor, who thus came into possession of Great Linford and Rotherfield Peppard. James Butler was created earl of Ormond 2 Nov. 1328 (*CP*, 2nd ed. x. 533). See No. 399 below.

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Charter of Theobald de Marines, son of Werric de Marines, granting to William son of Benedict of London service and rent from land in Westmill, Herts. (circa 1222-32)

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Theobaldus de Marines filius Werrici de Marines dedi concessi et presenti carta confirmaui Willelmo filio Benedicti de London' pro seruicio suo homagium et totum seruicium quod habui de terra quam Johannes de Marines frater meus tenuit de me in villa de Westuill¹ . et undecim solidos et iiij denarios quieti redditus quos idem Johannes mihi solebat reddere per annum de eadem terra quam terram Werricus pater meus mihi dedit in eadem villa soluendos hiis terminis . scilicet ad festum sancti Mikaelis v solidos et viij denarios et ad Pascha v solidos et viii denarios saluis tam² dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis uno speruario uel duobus solidis per annum quos dominus Hugo de Marines frater meus aliquando habuit de seruicio dicte terre extra predictos undecim solidos et iiij^{or} denarios redditus et eos dedit³ dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis integre ad habendum in perpetuum scilicet quicquid in dictis seruicio et redditu habui uel habere potui in auxiliis rationabilibus in releuiis et escahetis et in omnibus aliis rebus nominatis et non nominatis in cunctis locis suis⁴ aliqua diminutione. Habendos et tenendos dicto W. et suis assingnatis et heredibus eorum de me et heredibus meis hereditarie libere et quiete bene et in pace in perpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unam libram cimini uel duos denarios infra quindenam sancti Mikaelis sine occasione cum pro eo miserimus per certum nuncium nostrum. Ita quod ego Teodbaldus nec heredes mei nec aliquis per nos uel pro nobis . in omnibus predictis nichil amplius poterimus habere exigere nec clamare in perpetuum quam predictum seruicium. Hec omnia predicta ego Teodbaldus et heredes mei dicto Willelmo filio Benedicti et heredibus suis et eorum assingnatis et heredibus eorum warrantizabimus defendemus et acquietabimus

¹ Sic.

² Sic for tamen.

³ Sic for dedi.

⁴ Sic for sine.

uersus capitales dominos feodi et v̄ersus omnes gentes de omnibus seruiciis et exactionibus. Pro hac igitur mea donacione concessione warantisione defensione acquietacione et huius carte confirmacione dedit mihi dictus Willelmus filius Benedicti sex marcas et dimidiam argenti. Et ut hec mea donacio concessio warantisio defensio et aquietacio et huius carte confirmacio firma et stabilis permaneat . huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Albrico de Marines . Petro de Marines nepote suo . Mikaele magistro de Westuill¹ Galfrido clerico Gadesterdei¹ tunc seruiente cancellarii de Westuill¹ Rogero du Bek Galfrido filio clerici Henrico de Watham de London' Ren' cissore Radulfo fabro monacorum . Ricardo cordewan' . Reginaldo Flawner Waltero Chaperun . Ricardo marescallo . Willelmo Curtais Roberto Kole Albino filio Alani Willelmo de Lenne Johanne de Cobeham Reginaldo fratre suo Peetria de Norwiz.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, blank; GILL' ALDI D' MA

For the Marines family see *VCH Herts.* iii. 400. The grantor's father, Werric, first occurs on the Pipe Roll in 1194 (*PR 6 Ric. I*, 38). In 1196 he was sheriff of Cambs. and Hunts. He was succeeded by his son Hugh, who in 1217 recovered his lands in Gloucs., Ess., and Herts. taken into the king's hands (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 326 b). He was living in 1230, when he was in debt to the Jews (*PR 14 Hen. III*, 148). Among the Ancient Deeds in the PRO are many relating to Westmill and the Marines family. William son of Benedict, a London citizen and moneylender, last occurs in 1235 (*Close Rolls 1234-37*, 84). The reference to a quit-rent is a very early one and should be compared with the quit-rent in Surrey, which was the subject of a suit in 1222 in which William son of Benedict was plaintiff (*Bracton's Note Book*, 126). Hugh de Marines mortgaged land in Westmill to Thomas de Neville, chancellor of Lichfield, for 10 years from the Purification next after the consecration of Eustace de Fauconberg, bishop of London, i.e. from 2 Feb. 1222, Thomas to take the crops (Ancient Deed A 8907). His servant witnessed this charter and supplies a limit of date.

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*Charter of Hugh of Dunston confirming to Basilia daughter of Jocelin of Dunston all the land which her father held of the grantor in Dunston (? near Norwich).
(Early 13th century)*

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo de Duneston' concessi et dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui Basilie filie Gocelini de Dunest' totam terram quam prefatus Jocelinus pater eius tenuit de me in Duneston' cum omnibus pertinentiis illi et heredibus suis tenendam de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete pro xvj denariis de censu ad iiij terminos scilicet ad festum sancti Andree iiij denarios et ad Annuntiationem beate Marie iiij denarios et ad Natiuitatem beati Johannis iiij denarios et ad festum sancti Michaelis iiij denarios pro omni seruicio saluo seruicio domini regis et capitalis domini feodi ad quoslibet xij denarios de scutagio j denarium et ad quoslibet xii denarios de seruicio capitalis domini j denarium. Hiis testibus Alano de Neweton' Johanne filio

¹ Sic.

Heruei Henrico filio Johannis . Hereberto filio Willelmi . Alano filio Aelyz . Adam de Marisco . Roberto de Mont' . Roberto filio Petri.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; uncoloured. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, blank; . . . **GILL' hVG**
. . . . DE DVNESTVN :

There is little to indicate which Dunston this charter concerns. The 16 penny rent suggests the eastern counties of the Danelaw and the formulas suggest the early 13th-century. It is more likely to be the Dunston near Norwich than the Dunston in Lincs. The first witness may then come from Newton Flotman, about 4 miles south of Dunston. Le Neve has few charters from Lincs.

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Charter of Hubert Walter, archbishop of Canterbury, inspecting and confirming a charter of Robert de Broy, son of Walter de Broy of Bletsoe, Beds., giving the hermitage in the wood of Bletsoe and a croft there to brother Robert Parage and the brethren who shall serve God there; also granting to them pasture on his demesne in the village of Bletsoe. (1200-3) and (1186-1203)

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Charter inspected; original, PRO Ancient Deed C 5124. Variant readings are given in footnotes.

Hubertus dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit eternam in domino salutem. Ad omnium noticiam volumus peruenire nos cartam dilecti filii nostri Roberti de Broy in hac forma inspexisse. Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Robertus de Broy filius Walteri de Broy de Blecheshe' salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse et hac carta¹ mea confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et fratri Roberto Parage hermitorium in nemore de Blechtsho² et fratribus in eodem hermitorio in habitu religionis deo seruituris sicut fossata interiora et exteriora demonstrant . et unam cruftam uersus orientem que acostat ad Netherehei sicut fossatis includitur . habendam et tenendam de me et hereditibus meis in puram et liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Et preterea cum hac donatione concessi deo et sancte Marie et fratri Roberto Parage et fratribus in eodem hermitorio deo³ in habitu religionis deo³ seruituris liberam pasturam ad v vaccas . ad v porcos . ad xl oues . ad unum caballum in villa de Blettesho² in dominiis meis in omnibus locis. Et sciendum est quod ego Robertus de Broy⁴ prescriptus et heredes mei warrantizabimus deo et sancte Marie predictam elemosinam puram et liberam et fratri Roberto Parage et fratribus predicti loci in habitu religionis deo seruituris contra omnes homines. Hiis testibus . Hugone priore de Caldwelle . Galfrido canonico eiusdem loci . Thoma canonico nepote predicti prioris . Radulfo de Broy⁴ . Roberto de Broy⁴ fratribus et personis . Roberto de Alberench⁵ . Thoma de Fraxino . Roberto filio Radulfi de Bolehurst . Galfrido de Broy⁴ . Stephano filio Roberti filii Samson . Hugone Pipard Roberto Estrange . Garino filio Hugonis . Roberto Truncath' .

¹ karta.

² Blechesho.

³ Sic.

⁴ Broi.

⁵ Albennith'.

Radulfo de Bolonho¹ . Roberto filio Radulfi clerici . Willelmo de Bolonho¹ . Matheo clerico . Hugone de Sancto Edwardo . Geruasio . Rogero . Roberto de Brocton' fratribus. Ut autem hec donacio predicti Roberti de Broy deo et sancte Marie et fratri Roberto Parage et fratribus in predicto hermitorio in habitu religionis deo seruaturis facta et carta sua confirmata maiorem optineat firmitatem ⁊ eam sicut rationabiliter facta est presenti scripto et sigilli nostri appositione duximus confirmandum.² Hiis testibus magistro Simone de Sywell' thesaurario Lichfeld' . magistro Johanne de Tinem . Rogero de Basingeham magistro Adam de Walsingeham . Johanne de Sancto Edmundo . Johanne de Kent' . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: uncoloured; fragments obv. and rev.

Cf. BM 1187

Hubert Walter became archbishop in 1193 and died 13 July 1205, but Bletsoe being then in the diocese of Lincoln this confirmation must have been during the vacancy of the see between the death of St. Hugh on 17 Nov. 1200 and the consecration of William of Blois on 24 Aug. 1203. The archbishop is not styled legate, an office he ceased to hold on the death of Celestine III, Jan. 1198. For the Broy family see *BHRS* xiii. 352-4. The charter here confirmed must be after the death or cession of Osbert prior of Cauldwell, predecessor of Hugh. Osbert occurs in 1186 (*VCH Beds.* i. 384), but the confirmation by the archbishop suggests a date little earlier than 1200. The hermitage was subsequently placed under the control of the hospital of the Holy Trinity at Kingsthorpe outside Northampton (*BHRS* xiii. 354), the bulk of whose title-deeds are among PRO Ancient Deeds: see in particular Ancient Deed C 5842.

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Charter of Walter de Buron confirming to Walden abbey, Ess., in free alms the place of Cockenhatch in Barkway, Herts., as the abbot and convent of Montreuil-sur-Mer confirmed it to Walden abbey, and as his father Robert de Buron had previously given it to the abbey of Montreuil. (Late 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus futuris et presentibus Walterus de Buron salutem in domino. Sciatis uniuersi quod ego Walterus de Buron concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et omnium amicorum meorum deo et sancte Marie et monachis ecclesie sancti Jacobi de Waled' in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam locum de Cochenhache cum omnibus terris . hominibus et redditibus de feudo meo ad eundem locum pertinentibus sicut abbas et conuentus sancti Wingaloei de Mosteriolo predictis monachis carta sua confirmauerunt et pater meus Robertus de Buron abbati et conuentui de Mosteriolo prius dederat pro salute anime sue et uxoris sue et omnium antecessorum suorum scilicet decem acras a Cher . . gra . .³ et v acras in la Langelande et in alio loco tres acras in Scothescrofta . vij acras versus Berleie . vij acras aris² . tres acras sub parco de Niwesel . v acras desuper domum ordinari² . ij acras ante portam capelle tres acras . in crofta ante domum Hereuei iiij acras . in Sandhersta vij acras . Openalwineswich ⁊ quindecim acras . in crofta in qua sita est capella viij acras. Huius mee concessionis et elemosine

¹ Bolenho.

² Sic.

³ Sic. ? Cherlegraue.

testes sunt Ricardus et Thomas decani Osbertus persona de Berleia Godefridus de Haidena . Godardus . Eadmundus et Radulfus capellani . Eudo de Archesden . Henricus Johoud . Ricardus de Vaus . Willelmus With' . Henricus de Boneries . Willelmus Goeth' . Ricardus Peuerel . Thomas de Wilibi . Gilebertus de Buron' et Johannes frater eius Gaufredus Cloere et omnes homines monachorum de eodem tenemento et alii multi.

Tag for seal torn away.

For Cockenhatch see *VCH Herts.* iv. 32. St. Guenolé (in Old Breton Winwaloe) was the founder of the abbey of Landevenec in Brittany. Early in the 10th century the monks of Landevenec, fleeing from the Viking invaders, carried the relics of the saint to Montreuil in the Pas de Calais, where his name was added to the dedication of the monastery of St. Sauve (A. de La Borderie, *Hist. de Bretagne*, ii. 369, 510–12). The charters of Robert de Buron and of the abbot of Montreuil cited in this charter are printed in *Mon.* iv. 151; the latter is by Abbot Robert, whose predecessor occurs in 1177 and who himself occurs in 1182 and 1201, but had ceased to be abbot in 1203 (*Gallia Christiana*, x, col. 1298). These are followed (p. 152) by one of Roger de Buron, son of Robert, confirming the cession to Walden, from which we learn that the chapel at Cockenhatch was dedicated to St. Guenolé. Roger must have died without issue and been succeeded by his brother Walter, the present grantor. Walter's filiation is confirmed by a suit at Hilary 1206, in which a later Roger de Buron mentions his father Walter and his grandfather Robert (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iv. 71). Walter must have been dead in 1203, when his son, this Roger, was claiming land in Bengoe, Herts. (*ibid.* ii. 114; cf. iii. 272). This family must be distinguished from Roger de Buron, the Nottinghamshire tenant-in-chief who returned his *carta* in 1166 (*RB* 342).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Charter of Cassandra, formerly wife of Robert of Ellingham, giving to her son Alexander of Ellingham and Amicia (*Amycye*) daughter of Hugh of Barnham all her (*meam*) dower in the manor of Hingham (*Hengham*), namely, the third part of the said manor in Hingham, Hardingham (*Hardyngham*), Reymerston (*Reymerstoun*), Southburgh (*Sutberh*), 'Craneburye', and Little Ellingham (*Elingham parua*), to hold to the said Alexander and Amicia and their heirs for the donor's life doing to the chief lords of the fee the services therefor due and accustomed. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Constantino de Mortuomari . domino Edmundo de Baconsthorpe . Hugone de Barnham . domino Radulfo de Elingham . Thoma de Hederset . Ranulpho Ponyant et aliis.' Ellingham: 27 Nov. 1340.¹

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; brown. Shield of arms, per pale, dexter, semé of fleurs-de-lis; sinister, three escutcheons barry two and one; no legend.

All the places mentioned are in Norfolk.

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Charter of Elyas de Martigny giving to Thomas Makerel three water meadows in the village of Fittleton, Wilts. (Early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Elyas de Martingni dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui Thome Makerel pro humagio et seruicio suo tres hulmos in uilla de

¹ Cf. BM 9460, Alexander de Elyngham, date 1370, with both coats similarly.

Fitelt' quorum unus uocatur Brademedede et iacet iuxta domum ipsius Thome et reliqui duo sunt due insule in riueria de Auene . et uocantur maior Langenith et minor Langenith . quarum una iacet sub domo ipsius Thome prope ex obposito . et altera iacet parum longius in riuem tenendos et habendos sibi et heredibus suis de me et de heredibus meis imperpetuum iure et hereditarie. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui duodecim denarios ad aduincula sancti Petri pro omnibus seruiciis et pro omnibus secularibus exactionibus. Ego uero Elyas de Martingni et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Thome et heredibus suis predictos tres hulmos contra omnes homines et feminas. Pro hac autem donatione et concessione . dedit mihi predictus Thomas uiginti solidos sterlingorum. Et ut hec mea donacio et carte mee confirmacio stabilis et inconcussa imperpetuum perseueret . presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione corroborauit. Hiis testibus . Rannulfo de Jorz Ricardo de Cumb' . Roberto de Schirefont' . Willelmo Trenchefoill' . Symone de Fifhide . Roberto de Bellomonte . Godefrido de Salern . Symone et Waltero de Litlecot' . Henrico kamerario Godefrido de Hakenest' . Nicholao de Fitelton' . Ricardo bedel . Willelmo Pilet Beomundo marescallo . Ricardo filio Radulfi . Ricardo Ruald' . Ada forestario . Ada filio Andree . et multis aliis.

SEAL on cord: round, 1 in.; brown. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, six barrulets a bend sinister; ELIE DE MÆRTE

In 1204 Elyas de Marteny gave the king 5 marks to have seisin of his land in Wiltshire and Nottinghamshire of which he had been disseised *occasione Normannorum* (*Rot. de Oblatis*, 204). In 1206 Philip Augustus gave William Havart whatever land Helias de Martigneio had in the Pays de Caux between the forest of Eawy and the river Seine (*Delisle, Cartulaire normand*, 290). Elyas seems to have hesitated, but ultimately to have adhered to John, thus losing his Norman land. See note to No. 367 above.

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Charter of Herbert de Alençon confirming to Sibton abbey, Suff., the gift of Robert the clerk son of Gilbert of Peasehall, Suff., namely, William son of John and Lecia his wife with their tenement which they held of Robert and their issue and chattels.
(Early Henry III; possibly late John)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Herbertus de Alencun' . concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . deo et beate Marie . et monachis de Sibet' . donacionem quam Robertus clericus filius Geleberti¹ de Pesehall' eis fecit . de Willelmo filio Johannis et Lecia uxore eius cum toto tenemento eorum quod de ipso Roberto tenuerunt . et seruicio quod ei fecerunt. Ita quod predicti monachi habeant et perpetuo possideant dictum Willelmum filium Johannis et Leciam uxorem suam cum tota sequela sua et catallis suis et cum omnibus que ad eos pertinent sicut carta predicti Roberti filii Gileberti de Pesehall' quam inde habent testatur. Hiis testibus Radulfo de Pessehall' . Roberto Jurd' . Gaufrido Jurd' . Normanno Munn' . Rannulfo cementario . Ricardo

¹ Sic.

Louerd' Willelmo Gumbald' . Roberto fratre eius . Gileberto et Roberto filiis Roberti clerici et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{9}{16}$ in.; grey-green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a chevron between in chief two leaves and in base a rectangular object, possibly a purse, above another leaf; . . GILIV . . .
ERBERTI DE ALENC . . .

For the grantor see No. 306 *n*. The present charter is probably a little later in date, since Ralf of Peasehall appears to have succeeded his father. Three of the other witnesses also witnessed No. 306.

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Charter of Robert de Scales, son of Roger de Scales, giving to Richard son of Reiner of Tilney, Norf., all the land which belonged to Adam and William the sons of Mainer of Tilney in the field called Westneulond. (1216–50; in the early part of the period)

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Scalys filius Rogeri de Scalys concessi et dedi et hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Ricardo filio Reineri de Tileneia et heredibus suis pro homagio suo quod mihi fecit de feodo et pro centum solidis sterlingorum quos mihi dedit in gersuma totam terram que fuit Ade filii Maineri de Tileneia in campo qui uocatur Westneulond que iacet in latitudine inter feodum Fretherici de Caprauill' et feodum prioris de Lewis . et totam terram in eodem campo que fuit Willelmi filii Maineri inter feodum dicti Fretherici de Caprauill' et feodum dicti prioris. Tenendam et habendam de me et de meis heredibus reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis quinque denarios de censu . scilicet ad Pascha floridum duos denarios et ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste duos denarios et ad festum sancti Mikaelis unum denarium et ad wardam de Douere unum denarium ad festum sancte crucis in Maio et ad scutagium domini Regis quando venerit in soka de Ilsington' unum denarium ueniat plus ueniat minus . libere quiete et hereditarie pro omnibus seruiciis consuetudinibus auxiliis et demandis. Et ego predictus Robertus de Sc̄alis et heredes mei warantizabimus predictas terras [cum] pertinentiis predicto Ricardo et heredibus suis contra omnes gentes per predictum seruicium. Hiis testibus . Roberto camerario . Roberto de Sculham . Alano filio Ade Ricardo et Reginaldo fratribus suis Willelmo filio Godefridi Simone Johanne Ricardo et Petro fratribus suis . Willelmo de Fenne Galfrido filio Walteri . Eudone Norensi et aliis.

SEAL on tag: uncoloured; central portion only. Shield of arms curved top and sides, three stars of six points, two and one.

A manor of Scales lay in Tilney cum Islington, Norf. (Blomefield, *Norfolk*, viii. 469). Hugh de Montfort, the constable, was the tenant-in-chief in 1086. In 1325 Robert de Scales died seised of land in Islington, held of the honor of Haughley, Suff., or of the constable, by the service of half a knight and the payment of 10 shillings for the guard of Dover castle (*Cal. Inq. p.m.*, *Edw. II*, ii, No. 593). For the Scales family see *HKF* iii. 149. The donor succeeded his father in 1215, being under age (*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 217). He was of

age before Sept. 1217 (*ibid.* i. 322), and died in 1250. In 1246–7 he was party to a fine and among other parties were sons of two of the witnesses to the present charter (Blomefield, *loc. cit.*).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of Nicholas of Kennett, Cambs. (*Keneht*), son of Peter of Kennett, giving to Sibton abbey, Suff., in free alms half a mark of yearly rent which the monks used to render from the tenement which they held of him in Kennett, namely, from all the land which lies between the road of the ford of Kennett and the road of the ford of Freckenham, Suff., with meadow, water, and all appurtenances, and with all rights from any tenement or thing which the monks hold of him or his ancestors, so that they shall hold free from all secular service or claim. He has made this gift for the health of his soul and those of his father and all his ancestors. Warranty clause. 'Testibus domino Euerardo le Franceys . Roberto et Henrico fratribus eius Ricardo de Banham Willelmo fratre eius Johanne de Mora Willelmo filio Walteri Waltero Torel Admundo de Suhet . Petro filio Ricardi . Thoma Blundo . Ranulfo Wysman et aliis.' 1252–3.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; grey-green. Shield of arms, three hounds statant; ✠ S.' NICHOLAI DE R NET

The language of this charter is confused; the grantor is clearly releasing besides the rent all rights which he may have against the monks, but these rights are introduced as if they were part of the description of the particular tenement. The grantor's family had held Kennet of Warrene from the time of Domesday; see *Feudal Cambridgeshire*, 148 et seq., and *HKF* iii. 342 et seq. By a charter dated 1161 (*Harl. Chart.* 83 F 54, see *HKF* iii. 343) an earlier Nicholas of Kennet gave the tenement here in question to the abbey, reserving a rent of half a mark; Henry II confirmed this in 1163 (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 96). The present charter releases this rent.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Charter of Thomas Roscelin confirming to the church of St. Mary of Carrow (*Carhowe*) and the nuns there serving God for the soul of his mother Lecia and in pure free and perpetual alms all that marsh in Ranworth (*Randewrthe*) called Brantistweytfen together with half a mark of yearly rent in Redenhall (*Redenhale*), both of which Lecia his mother gave to Emma of Palgrave (*Pagraue*) and confirmed by her charter; to hold free of all secular demand, so that neither the grantor nor his heirs can claim anything therein. For this confirmation and quitclaim the said nuns have granted to Thomas participation in all good works done in the house of Carrow to the end of the world. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Petro Roscelin filio meo Roberto le Poure Johanne fratre suo Petro de Letheringsete Willelmo de Kellinge Rogero de Saxlingham . Milone Gerardo de Saxlingham . Thoma de Lose . Henrico du Boys . Roberto le bone . Willelmo filio Rogeri . et aliis.' (*circa* 1250.)

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; brown. Equestrian, head broken away, surcoat, sword, horse extended over legend; SIGILLUM * THOME

There is little by which this charter can be placed. The handwriting suggests a date in the middle of the 13th century. In 1254 John Roscelin and Thomas Roscelin offered 40 shillings that Roger of Thurkelby should be associated with William Brito to hear an assize of novel disseisin brought against John and Thomas for land in Tasburgh, Norf. (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.* ii. 183). All the places named in the charter are in Norfolk.

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Charter of Roger de Cressy giving to Sibton abbey, Suff., in free alms all his rights in Dunwich, Suff., in the place called Heynhil. (Mid 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus de Cressy concessi dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et monachis de Sybetun' in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totum ius quod habui uel habere potui in redditibus homagiorum¹ molendinorum et locorum in quibus retia tenduntur et delictantur¹ in Donewyc' . scilicet in loco qui vocatur Heynhil . ita ut predicti monachi habeant et teneant omnia predicta cum pertinentiis cum eodem Heynhil libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio et exactione et demanda . saluis michi et heredibus meis duobus solidis ad festum sancti Michaelis de predictis monachis annuatim percipiendis. Et ego et heredes mei adquietabimus versus dominum Regem omnia predicta de duobus solidis ad festum sancti Michaelis et warantizabimus contra omnes. Hiis testibus domino Waltero Maleth . domino Jacobo de Gygneth' . domino Petro filio Rogeri . Roberto filio Reginaldi de Donewic' . Roberto clerico . Johanne filio Willelmi . Petro filio Roberti Roberto de Fordele . Andrea filio Augustini² . Reginaldo Choch' et aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, seven crescents three, three, and one; ✠ SIGILLVM ROGERI . DE . CRESI :

In 1236 Roger de Cressy held 2 fees in Reydon, Suff., for the service of one of the honor of Robert fitzWalter (*Fees*, 577). Reydon is about 5 miles from Dunwich. In 1242–3 Roger held 1 fee at Reydon (*ibid.* 914). In 1268 Henry III confirmed a charter of Stephen son of Roger de Cressy, confirming a rent in Blythborough given to Sibton abbey by his brother Hugh (*Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 98). Blythborough lies between Dunwich and Reydon.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Notification by John lord Lovel and Holand. Whereas Hildebrand Barre, John Barre, Richard Fode, and John Scot have granted and, by charter indented, confirmed to Thomas Calston and Margery his wife the manor of Littlecote (*Lytlecote*) next Ramsbury (*Remmesbury*) with the advowson of the chapel of the said manor and also 100 shillings of rent in Ebbesborne Wake (*Ebblesburne*) to hold to Thomas and Margery and the heirs of Thomas's body, of the chief lords of those fees by the services due and accustomed, with remainder in default of heirs of Thomas's body to the aforesaid lord Lovel, knight, lord of Titchmarsh and of Holand, his heirs and assigns of the chief lords, &c., which charter was dated at Littlecote 27 Mar. 1386: And whereas before the said grant Hildebrand and the others held the tenements by military service of Robert Loundres, knight, for the term of Robert's life, with reversion to John lord Lovel and his heirs; Be it known that John lord Lovel has quitclaimed to Thomas Calston all his right and claim by reason of the said remainder, except the demesne and services pertaining to his manor of Axford and due to him from the manor and advowson of Littlecote. Warranty to Thomas, his heirs and assigns, such warranty to extend only to barring claims by John and his heirs, and not to the recovery against them of the value of that which is warranted. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo Cheyne

¹ *Sic.*

² *Ang't'*. Possibly it should be extended *Angnetis*.

Waltero Hungerford militibus Willelmo Stourton Iohanne Gowayn Thoma Bonham et aliis.' Devizes: 7 June 1404.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; red. Encircled within a panel a shield of arms, per pale, dexter, barry nebuly [LOVEL]; sinister, semé of fleur-de-lis a lion rampant [HOLAND]. Below the shield a lock, and on either side of the panel an annulet; . . . oñañis : louel dñi de

For John lord Lovel see *CP*, 2nd ed. viii. 219–21. All the places are in Wilts. Axford is a manor in Ramsbury, see *FA* v. 268.

385

BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Quitclaim by Walter Knit of Sloye, Norf. (*Slaleia*), to Godwin del Siic of Sco Ruston, Norf. (*Ristune*), and his heirs of all his right and claim in all the land which Godwin held in the village of Sco Ruston, of the fee of the abbot of St. Benet of Holme, Norf. (*Ulmo*), and of the fee of the chapel of St. Andrew of Worstead (*Withestede*), namely, for 4 marks of silver and 6 acres of land of the fee of the chapel which Godwin gave to the grantor. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . domino Reginaldo le Gros . domino Stephano de Redham . domino Hugone de Miliers . Thoma de Gelham Willelmo Buckescin¹ Radulfo de Scothowe . Ricardo fratre suo . Yuone de Lem Roberto de Hillegate Johanne de Scothowe Willelmo Ille et multis aliis.' (Henry III.)

No seal or tag shown.

The witnesses Reginald le Gros and Stephen of Reedham were holding land in Norfolk in 1242–3 (*Fees*, 910). The attestation of Hugh de Miliers suggests this charter to be earlier rather than later than that date: cf. No. 343.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words. Indented.

Charter of John de Monte Acuto, lord of Wark, Northumb., and Stokenham, Dev., giving to Louis de Clifford, Richard Montagu, and John Cheyne, knights, Thomas Montagu, dean of Salisbury, Albert Sharshulle, rector of the church of Warblington, and Henry Oberan, chaplain, his manor of Lantyan, Corn., with the knights' fees and all pertaining thereto to hold the said manor with the knights' fees and the chantry of the chapel of St. Thomas there and with woods, meadows, &c., to the feoffees and their assigns for the whole of the donor's life; rendering therefor yearly to him and his assigns £24 at Midsummer, Michaelmas, Christmas, and Easter in equal portions for all service. If the rent be in whole or in part in arrear for a quarter after any such term the feoffees grant that the donor and his assigns may re-enter on the whole of the said manor, &c., and hold it in its original state. Warranty for the term of the donor's life. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Jacobo Chuddeslee Ricardo Champernon Johanne Prideaux militibus Henrico Cokyn Johanne Hurt Waltero Penhergard Johanne Kylmynnouth Johanne Cokworthy et multis aliis.' Lantyan: 1 July 1395.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, three fusils in fess and a bordure [MONTAGU]; 2 and 3, an eagle displayed [MONTHERMER]. Within a carved panel a helmet surmounted by crest, a griffin [?] sejant with wings erect; S : iohis : montagu milit' : dñi : de werk

The donor was son and heir of John de Montagu, a younger son of William de Montagu, earl of Salisbury. In 1397 he succeeded his uncle, William de Montagu, as earl of Salisbury. He was attainted, and beheaded on 7 Jan. 1400 (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 82, 89).

¹ Sic ? for *de Buckston*, Buxton, Norf.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 16 words. French.

Letters patent of John (de Mowbray) earl marshal and of Nottingham, marshal of England, Lord Mowbray, Segrave, and Gower, reciting that he had previously granted the manor called 'Williames' in Tacolneston, Norf. (*Thacolneston*), of the annual value of 12 marks to his well-beloved esquire, Thomas de Vuedale, for life in consideration of his good service, and now granting him for life for the same reason an annuity of 8 marks charged on the manor of Forncett, Norf. (*Fornessete*); with liberty to Thomas to distrain on the said manor if the annuity should be in arrear either in whole or in part. Sealing clause. London: 20 Jan. 1414.

SEAL on a 2-inch strip cut half-way across the document: round, $2\frac{3}{8}$ in. when perfect; red; fragmentary. Couched shield of arms, three lions passant guardant in pale, a label of three points [THOMAS of BROTHERTON]; helmet and on dexter side of it shield of arms, a lion rampant [MOWBRAY]; comitis : ma calli + notinghamie : dni Cf. BM 12000-3

See *CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 605 and *DNB* for the grantor. He became earl marshal on the execution of his elder brother in 1405 but did not acquire the title of duke of Norfolk until 14 July 1425. He died 19 Oct. 1432. For Williames Manor see Blomefield, *Norfolk*, v. 167.

388

BS FACSIMILE, first 21 words.

Letters of attorney of Maud, formerly wife of John lord Lovel and Holand, John Lovel, knight, Robert Lovel, esquire, and Ralf Lovel, clerk, to John Stone or Gilbert Wike to put Thomas Bonham, William Gore, Robert Saleman, Roger aiteh . . .¹ chaplain, and Richard Schail in free and peaceable seisin of the manor of Knighton, Wilts. (*Knyghton*), according to the form and effect of a charter and indentures made to them. Sealing clause. 4 Feb. 1409.

Two SEALS on tags: round, $1\frac{7}{16}$ in.; red. (i) Within a quatrefoil panel, suspended from a tree a shield of arms, per pale, dexter, barry nebuly [LOVEL]; sinister, semé of fleurs-de-lis a lion rampant [HOLAND]. On either side of the shield a pair of gauntlets;² * *Sigillum : matildis : dne : louel : et : de : holande*

(ii) Below a floral device a shield of arms, quarterly, LOVEL and HOLAND; *Sigillum * roberti * louell ~ ~*

Maud was daughter of Robert de Holand and heir of her grandfather Robert lord Holand; the other grantors were her sons: see *CP*, 2nd ed. viii. 220-1.

389

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Letters of attorney of Eleanor (*Alianora*) de Sancto Amando to Thomas Beele, Richard de Watton and Stephen Bright, jointly and severally, to deliver to John Franke, clerk, Robert Shotebroke, knight, William Shotebroke, William Stokes, and John Stokes seisin of the manor of Enborne, Berks. (*Endeborne*), and of Sherfield English, Hants (*Shirfelde iuxta Romeseye*), according to the charter made to them. Sealing clause. 11 Mar. 1426.

SEAL on strip, cut to a little over half-way across document; riband below, cut to within an inch of the left-hand side of document: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, per pale, dexter, fretty on a chief three roundels [ST. AMAND]; sinister, quarterly, 1 and 4, five fusils in fess between three fleurs-de-lis, 2 and 3, a cross engrailed; a lion passant on either side of the shield. *Sigillum : de st and . . .*

¹ *Sic*.

² Indistinct; but cf. BM 11403.

Eleanor was daughter and heir of Richard Lavynton and married first, Thomas Woodlock of Owlsbury, Hants, and, secondly, Amaury de St. Amand, as his second wife. He died June 1402 and Eleanor, May 1426. The present transaction was probably a feoffment to uses in contemplation of death (*CP*, 2nd ed. xi. 300).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 16 words.

Letters patent of Cecily duchess of York, mother of the most Christian prince Edward king of England and France and lord of Ireland appointing Richard Dalby, esquire, of Brookhampton, Warw. (*Brokhampton*), her feodary of all her knights' fees in Bucks., Beds., Northants., and Oxon. to hold the said office by himself or his sufficient deputy receiving the fees and wages due and accustomed. Sealing clause. Baynard's Castle, London: 24 May 1463.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. when perfect; red; broken at sides and bottom. Beneath an eagle rising a shield of arms, quarterly FRANCE (modern) and ENGLAND, impaling, a saltire [NEVILLE]; *sigillū dne citili*

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BS FACSIMILE, first 18 words.

Letters patent of John (de Mowbray) duke of Norfolk, marshal of England, Lord Mowbray, Gower, and Segrave notifying that, whereas Nicholas Appylyerd, Edmund Appylyerd, William Bonde, John Marsham, and John Man stand enfeofed of the manors of Tharston (*Therston*), and Tacolneston, Norf., to the use of Elizabeth formerly wife of Robert Clere, esquire, and hold of him the manor of Tharston and 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ knights' fees pertaining thereto by the service of one knight's fee only and the manor of Tacolneston by the service of another knight's fee, he acknowledges by these his letters patent that he has received the homage of the said feoffees together with all rents and services due up to the date of these presents. 22 May [1443–51].

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, three lions passant guardant in pale, a label of three points [THOMAS of BROTHERTON]; no legend. Cf. BM 12004

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Charter of William de Wyndesore, knight, giving to William de Melton', knight, Nicholas de Haryngton, knight, Nicholas Roundehey, clerk, John Britby, clerk, Richard Wysibech, clerk, and Adam Duket, clerk, his manors in Sutton Veny, Wilts. (*Fenny Sutton*), his manor of Lydford (*Luddeforde*) and Knolle, Som., and his manors of Litton Cheney (*Litton*) and Powerstock, Dors.: to hold to the aforesaid William de Melton' and the others above named, their heirs and assigns of the chief lords of those fees by the services due and accustomed. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Roberto de Veer comite Oxonie Willelmo de Monteacuto comite Sar' Willielmo de Faryndon' milite Johanne Frome Willelmo Payn et aliis.' Litton Cheney: 24 Jan. 1384.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, a saltire. On a helmet crest, issuing from a coronet a sheaf of ostrich feathers; a bird on either side as supporters; no legend.

393

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Eleanor countess of Ormond (*Dormond*) giving to John de Kingesfold the whole manor of Rotherfield Peppard, Oxon. (*Retherfeld Pippard*), to hold to John, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords

¹ Cf. BM 12093, giving full legend.

of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Gilberto Talbot milite Thoma de Weston' filio Henrici de Loxlee Willelmo de Falleslee et aliis.' Vacherie in Cranley, Surr.: 20 Apr. 1358.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red; chipped. Within a cusped panel four shields of arms, (i) at the top, blank; (ii) central, per pale, dexter blank, sinister ermine on a chevron three roundels; (iii) and (iv) on either side, a bend cotised between six lioncels [BOHUN]; at the base a swan [for BOHUN]; . . . OMITIS

Eleanor was the wife of the grantor of Nos. 372 and 399; she was the second daughter of Humphrey de Bohun earl of Hereford and Essex by Elizabeth, widow of John count of Holland and Zealand and daughter of King Edward I (CP, 2nd ed. x. 118). See also No. 396.

394

Charter of John son of Thomas of Bilsthorpe, Notts., giving to John of Swayfield, Lincs. and Margery his wife, two messuages in Newark, Notts., and a bovate of land and meadow in the fields of Northgate beside Newark. Newark: 12 Jan. 1364

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words. Indented.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes filius Thome de Bildesthorp' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea indentata confirmaui Johanni de Swasele¹ et Margerie uxori eius duo mesuagia cum suis pertinenciis in Neuwerk quorum unum iacet in foro inter mesuagium quondam Walteri de Skreueton' ex una parte et mesuagium Roberti filii Roberti de Neuwerk ex altera et aliud iacet super corneram de Cartergat' iuxta mesuagium quondam Henrici de Kelum et unam bouatam terre et prati cum suis pertinenciis in campis de Northgat' iuxta Neuwerk in diuersis locis campi eiusdem ville iacentes videlicet tres rode iacentes subtus Wymphthorp' iuxta terram quondam Willelmi Chupp' buttante¹ super Northing' et una roda iacet super le Gore iuxta terram quondam Willelmi Drapar buttans super campum de Wymphthorp' et una acra iacet super Smaldailes iuxta terram dicti Willelmi Chupp' et una acra iacet subtus Lincolngat' iuxta terram eiusdem Willelmi et tres rode iacent super Wronglandes iuxta terram predicti Willelmi Chupp' et una acra et dimidia iacent super Redelandes iuxta terram predicti Willelmi Chupp' et una roda et dimidia iacent iuxta terram quondam Willelmi filii Petri buttantes super le Reddykes et tres rode super Southunkeldailes buttantes super le More iuxta terram predicti Willelmi Chupp' et dimidia acra buttat super le Sandepittes iuxta terram predicti Willelmi Chupp' et una acra super le Longes uersus le Oke iuxta terram predicti Willelmi Chupp' et dimidia acra super Nethertoftes iuxta terram quondam Willelmi de Wymphthorp' et una acra prati iacet super Dygdailes iuxta pratum Willelmi de Bernak et tres rode super Poledailes iuxta pratum dicti Willelmi Chupp' et dimidia acra prati super Longelandes iuxta pratum dicti Willelmi Chupp' habendum et tenendum predicta duo mesuagia terram et pratum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni de Swafeld et Margerie uxori sue ad totam uitam eorundem Johannis et Margerie de me et heredibus meis per seruicium unius rose ad festum nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste per annum et faciendo pro me et heredibus

¹ Sic.

meis capitalibus dominis feodi illius seruicia inde debita et consueta. Et ego predictus Johannes filius Thome de Bildesthorp' et heredes mei predicta duo mesuagia terram et pratum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni de Swafeld et Margerie uxori sue in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warantizabimus. In cuius rei testimonium parti huius carte indentate penes predictos Johannem et Margeriam residenti sigillum meum apposui. Alteri uero parti penes me et heredes meos residenti sigilla predictorum Johannis et Margerie¹ sunt appensa. Hiis testibus Rogero de Bury Ricardo de Burton'. Ricardo Prentis Adam de Caldwell' Johanni de Derleton et multis aliis. Datum apud Neuwerk die veneris proxima ante festum sancti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo septimo.

SEAL on tag: round, 1¼ in.; green. Within a pointed panel a shield of arms, three chevronels surmounted by a pale; no legend.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 22 words. Indented.

An agreement between the lady Alice of Hainault (*de Hanonia*), countess of Norfolk, marshal of England of the one part, and John de Ouvedale, knight, of the other. The lady Alice leases the manor of Tacolneston, Norf., with all its appurtenances except dowers, reversions, and escheats to John from Michaelmas 1308 to the end of three years for £15 sterling payable annually, half at Easter and half at Michaelmas, to her or her attorney at her manor of Lopham, Norf.; provided that if John pay her 10 marks at the feast of the Purification next and 10 marks at Midsummer next following he shall be quit of the farm in the first year. John shall maintain the said manor with its appurtenances in as good as or better state than he received it; if he do not so maintain or if he default either partly or wholly in the said payment Alice or her servants may re-enter on the said manor and for ever retain it with all goods and chattels found thereon; and for the said payments John binds himself, his heirs and executors, and all his lands and tenements in Tacolneston. Sealing clause. London: 11 Nov. 1308.

No seal or tag shown.

Alice was daughter of John count of Hainault and second wife of Roger Bigod, the last earl of Norfolk of that family, who died shortly before 6 Dec. 1306 (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 596).

396

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words. French.

Notification by Eleanor 'la Botellere', countess of Ormond. Whereas her dear lord James 'le Boteller', earl of Ormond, and she granted to their esquire (*vadlet*) John de Alveton and his heirs all that land called 'Wappenames lond' in Rotherfield Peppard, and Charlesleie lond in Bellehatch (*Bolehuche*) and Shiplake, and half a virgate called 'Bolles lond' and a quarter virgate called 'Semannes lond' in Rotherfield Peppard, to hold to John and his heirs of the chief lords of the fee rendering to the grantors and their heirs 31 shillings yearly at the four terms usual in Rotherfield Peppard. Warranty clause. Since John has been her seneschal and receiver of her lands in England and accounted therefor on 13 July 1337 when she remained in his debt to the amount of £151. 10s. 4d., wherefore the farms and rents of the manors of Long Compton, Warw., and Cold Aston, Gloucs., which he holds of her, were assigned to him in payment, and she grants that John and his assigns shall be quit of the said farms and rents until they fully

¹ *et Margerie* interlined.

make good the same debt by way of payment. Sealing clause. Witnesses: 'Johan de Berners William de Weston' Thomas de Weston del counte de Surreie . Johan de Whitefeld Esmon de Malyns William de Harpeden' Thomas de Morlee Johan Symean Benet Lengleis del counte de Oxenford et altres.' Shere, Surr. (*Shire*): 21 Aug. 1338.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; red. Shield of arms, per pale, dexter, a chief indented [BUTLER]; sinister, a bend cotised between six lioncels [BOHUN]. Above and on either side an encircled lozenge each charged with probably three lions passant guardant in pale [for ENGLAND]; **SIGILLUM ALIANORE LÆ BOTALLER**

See No. 393. The earl died Jan. or Feb. 1337. This document is in part a confirmation of No. 399 made by the earl.

397

BS FACSIMILE, first 16 words.

Charter of Alina de Mowbray, lady of the honors of Bramber and Gower (*Gouheria*), giving to her son John de Mowbray, lord of the Isle of Axholme, all the lands and tenements with their appurtenances, &c., which were formerly John Ywan's within her lordship of Gower; to hold to the said John, his heirs and assigns, for the whole of the donor's life as freely and by the same laws and liberties as John Ywan formerly held, rendering therefor yearly a rose at Midsummer for all services. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus dominis Roberto de Penres Daud de la Veer militibus . Ricardo de Penres senescallo Gouherie . Willelmo de la Mare . Johanne de Penres Johanne de la Beer' . Philippo Scurlag' Adam de la Beer . Roberto Maunsell et aliis.' Oystermouth, Glam. (*Ostrem*): 19 July 1328.

SEAL on tag: lozenge-shaped, $1\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ in.; red. Within a lozenge with traceried background two shields of arms, each charged with a lion rampant [MOWBRAY and BRIOUZE]; no legend.

Alina, daughter and coheir of William de Braiose, lord of Bramber and Gower, married John de Mowbray. She died before 20 July 1331. The donee was her son and heir: see note to No. 315.

398

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. Indented. French.

Indenture between John de Mowbray lord of the Isle of Axholme (*Haxiholm*) and of the honors of Bramber and Gower of the one part and his Welsh tenants of Susboys in his said lordship of Gower of the other. John releases and pardons to the said tenants all trespasses in purprestures, assarts, enclosures, and occupations of land made by them in Susboys from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents and releases and confirms to them and their heirs all manner of purprestures, assarts, enclosures by ditches and fences, and occupations of all lands, mills, and findings in their seisin and possession on the day of these presents. He further grants for himself and his heirs to all the said tenants and their heirs that henceforth they shall not be attached or impleaded for any felony, trespass, or contract anywhere except in his Welsh country of Susboys, unless they be found or taken with stolen goods or in the act. He also grants that his said tenants have and enjoy all manner of laws and customs which they had in his said lordship in his time and in that of his ancestors. Sealing clause. Witnesses: 'Sires Thomas de Laton' nostre seneschal de Gower Rogier de Ewyck' cheuailers . Sire William de Burton' . Williame de Atton' Johan de Horton' et aultres.' Swansea, Glam. (*Sweynes*): 3 Aug. 1348.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. Beneath a buck's head a shield of arms, a lion rampant; a wyvern on either side of the shield; **SIGILLUM IOHANNIS DJE MOWNBRAV** Cf. BM 11996-8

The grantor is the donee of No. 397. Susboys was a district in Welsh Gower lying some 7 miles north of Swansea; see the first map in W. Rees, *South Wales and the Border in the Fourteenth Century*.

399

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Charter of James 'le Botillir de Hibernia', earl of Ormond, giving to John de Alveton and his heirs all that land which is called Woppenhamslond and Chardesloylond and a half virgate called Bolleslond and the quarter of a virgate called Semanneslond. To hold all the land aforesaid to John, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of those fees, rendering therefor to the donor and his heirs 31 shillings yearly by equal amounts at the four terms of the year usual at Rotherfield Peppard. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Philippo de Engelfeld Johanne de Witefeld Willelmo de Harpedene Johanne Marmion Benedicto le Engleis Roberto de Padenhale Roberto Seyntefey et aliis.' Rotherfield Peppard: 20 July 1332.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red. Over a bird with wings displayed a shield of arms, a chief indented; $\therefore$ S : IACOBI : LE : BOTILLER : COMITIS : HERMONIE

See note to No. 372. These lands are in Rotherfield Peppard, see No. 396.

400

Charter of Robert de Pavilly and Maud his mother granting to the hospital of Holy Trinity without Northampton leave to repair its mill pond at Abington, Northants
(28 Oct. 1245–27 Oct. 1246)

BS FACSIMILE, first 13 words.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Robertus de Pauely et Matildis mater eius salutem in domino. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos pro nobis et pro heredibus nostris concessisse in perpetuum et confirmasse deo et beate Marie et hospitali sancte Trinitatis extra Norhamt' et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus stangnum molendini sui de Abynton' quod habuttat super pratum nostrum de Houcton' ad emendandum et reparandum secundum quod sibi uiderint expedire . dum modo ulterius non eleuetur ad nocumentum dicti prati nostri absque contradictione et nocumento a nobis uel heredibus nostris amodo faciendo quod quidem stangnum Galfridus de Pauely predictis fratribus pro duobus solidis annuis ad Pascha domini concessit prout in carta dicti Galfridi continetur. Preterea concessimus eisdem fratribus illam porcionem prati nostri que jacet inter certum stangnum suum et pratum nostrum de Houcton' certum et continuum usque ad metam inter pratum nostrum et stangnum suum per prouisionem virorum legalium limitatam ad emendacionem et reparacionem stangni sui . de qua porcione prati mota fuit contentio inter nos et dictos fratres. Et si forte per inenundacionem aque stangnum illud sic limitatum fractum fuerit / licebit dictis fratribus fracturam illam prout ad saluacionem aque necesse fuerit absque contradictione reparare . ita quod reparacio illa non noceat dicto prato nostro. Pro hac autem porcione prati / dicti fratres nobis et heredibus nostris duodecim denarios annuos ad festum sancti Michaelis persoluent. Sciendum etiam quod spatium totius stangni sui durabit in longitudine quinquaginta quinque perchatarum et dimidie . scilicet ab axe rote molendini sui usque ad metam inter pratum nostrum de Houcton' et stangnum molendini sui sitam. Ut autem hec confirmatio rata in perpetuum per-

maneat eam sigillis nostris corroborauimus. Facta est autem confirmacio nostra anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo. Hiis testibus domino Rogero de Haclinton' . Willelmo Moweyn . Symone Vitor Johanne de Schyrinton' . Roberto Springout . Thoma de Sancto Johanne clerico et aliis.

Two SEALS on tags: (1) pointed oval, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ in.; grey-green. A pelican on her nest vulnning herself; no legend.

(2) Round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; grey-green. Shield of arms, per pale dexter, a lion rampant; sinister, six lioncels, three, two, and one; a wyvern on either side of the shield; * SIGILLVM

The grant of the mill pond by Geoffrey de Pavilly was made in 1206 (PRO Ancient Deed C 2019).

401

BS FACSIMILE, first 20 words. French.

Notification by Thomas (of Brotherton) the king's son, earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, marshal of England, that whereas the king granted him the manor of Chacombe, Northants., until the full age of John, son and heir of Stephen de Segrave, he has delivered the said manor to the said John. Sealing clause. Witnesses: 'Richard le counte Darundel mons' Henri de Perci mons' Johan de Gray mons' Roger de Wateuille et plusours altres.' Tweedmouth: 28 June 1333.

SEAL on tag: round, c. $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. On a traceried background a shield of arms: ENGLAND and a label of three points; no legend.

402

Charter of William de Mortimer of Attleborough, Norf., giving to Robert Walays of Bickerston, Norf., 3 pieces of land in Barnham Broom, Norf. (circa 1230)

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus de Mortuomari de Atleburg' miles concessi dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Roberto Walays de Bykerston' tres pecias terre mee arrabilis cum pertinenciis in willa de Bernham . quarum una pecia terre iacet super Longelond inter terram Willelmi de Carlton' ex parte orientali et terram Henrici de Kirkegate ex parte occidentali . secunda pecia terre iacet super Carthornhyl inter terram quondam Daud del Okes ex parte orientali et terram Henrici de Kyrkegate ex parte occidentali . et tertia pecia terre iacet inter habutalia plurium terrarum ex parte australi et terram Thome de Kyrkegate ex parte aquilonari et vocatur le Longehaluaker. Et computantur predicte tres pecie terre pro duabus acris siue plus contineant siue minus . quas quidem tres pecias terre quondam perquisiui de Igidio filio Wyni de Dulyngton'. Tendendas et habendas de me et heredibus meis supradicto Roberto et heredibus suis libere quiete bene pacifice in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . et cuicunque et quandocunque predictas pecias terre cum pertinenciis dare vendere vel assignare voluerit. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis sex denarios . scilicet ad Pascha tres denarios . et ad festum sancti Michaelis tres denarios . et ad scutagium domini Regis quando euenerit unum obolum tantum . et faciendo mihi et heredibus meis duos aduentus per annum

nomine secte ad curiam meam de Bernham . videlicet ad curiam generalem post Pascha . et ad curiam generalem post festum sancti Michaelis pro omnibus seruiciis . consuetudinibus exactionibus curie sectis hundredis et demandis secularibus. Et ego supradictus Willelmus de Mortuomari et heredes mei warantizabimus . acquietabimus et defendemus predictas tres pecias terre cum pertinentiis supradicto Robert Walays et heredibus suis siue suis assignatis quibuscunque per predictum seruicium contra omnes in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Waltero de Bernham . Nicholao de Carlton' . Henrico de Hapehage . Henrico de Brandone . Rogero le Estrange de Corston' . Johanne filio Thome clerici de Kemberle . Willelmo Noz¹ de Bernham . Ricardo Bainard de eadem et aliis.

SEAL on tag: uncoloured; central portion only. Equestrian, helmet with face uncovered, long surcoat, kite-shaped shield.

The donor must be the William who held Attleborough from *circa* 1217 to 1242–6. The handwriting suggests the middle part of this period. For the family see *CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 243 et seq. and *HKF* iii. 385 et seq. Its tenure under Warenne in Norfolk can be traced back to at least the reign of Henry I, so that the name is derived from Mortemer-sur-Eaulne, Seine Infér., which was given to William de Warenne after the forfeiture of Roger de Mortemer in 1055. He was the ancestor of the Mortimers of Wigmore. There is no reason to suppose a blood relationship between the two families.

403

BS FACSIMILE, first 14 words.

Charter of Maurice of Berkeley, son of Thomas of Berkeley, confirming to the monks of Kingswood, Gloucs., all the exchange made between them and John del Egge, son and heir of Gilbert del Egge, of all the tenement which he had at le Egge in the manor of Symundeshale; and quitclaiming for himself and his heirs in pure, perpetual, and free alms all services due from the said tenement. 'Quare uolo quod dicti monachi et eorum successores dictum tenementum habeant et teneant in perpetuum ita libere et quiete in omnibus locis et rebus sicut aliqua pura et perpetua et libera elemosina a uiris religiosis potest possideri. Ita quod nemini in aliquo inde respondeant nisi de orationibus tantum. Et ut hec elemosina mea concessio et quieta clamatio firma sit et stabilis in perpetuum huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus dominis Oliuero de Berkelay et Gaufrido de Chausi Ricardo de Cromhale . Mauricio de Salsomarisco . Roberto de Hales tunc senescallo . Petro de Ywele . Colino de Chausi . Helia de Cumba . Matheo de Scay . et aliis.' (*circa* 1250.)

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{3}{16}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, a chevron; ✠ S' : MORISE : DE : BERKELEY

The grantor was Maurice II of Berkeley, 1243–81 (*CP*, 2nd ed. ii. 127). 'The Ridge, or Le Edge, or La Egge is an hamlet consisting of dwelling houses within the parish of Wotton underedge, seated between the upper part of Nybley and Symondsall. . . . Thomas Lord Berkeley the first gave it to Thomas de Berkeley, his second sonne and his heires, amongst others, theis lands at the Edge; which Thomas dying unmarried and without issue in 31 H. 3 (1246–7) gave the same to the abbot of Kingswood by several deeds which at this day are in Berkeley Castle' (J. Smith, *The Lives of the Berkeleys*, iii. 316). The charters here mentioned are still at Berkeley (I. H. Jeayes, *Catalogue of Charters at Berkeley Castle*, Nos. 248, 301, 335). Robert de Hales witnesses charters 1243–5 (Jeayes, *op. cit.*, Nos. 282, 287). The present charter is later, though probably not much later, than Thomas's death, when his lands reverted to his elder brother, Maurice.

¹ *Sic* ? for *Norrensi*.

404

Charter of Baldwin son of Baldwin (de Osterwic), constable of Boulogne, giving to Laurence son of Jordan 10 acres of land in Shopland, Ess., and the right to make a watercourse from the spring of Stanwell to his house. (Early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Bald' filius Bald' constabular' Bolon' concessi et dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui Laurentio filio Jordani pro seruicio suo et homagio decem acras terre de feodo meo in Sopilandia . que iacent propinquoires terre de Thurcalla inter terram que fuit Ricardi heremite et fontem qui appellatur Stanwelle . cum quadam via de latitudine quinque pedum ad eundum a terra prenominata eques¹ et pedes¹ usque ad vicum quo itur ad ecclesiam de Sopiland' . habendas et tenendas in feodo et hereditate . sibi et suis heredibus de me et meis heredibus per seruicium xij denariorum per annum secundum² infra octabis Pasche vj denarios et infra octo dies sancti Michaelis vj denarios pro omni seruicio et exactione . et per defensionem duarum acrarum uersus dominum regem. Preterea concessi ei et dedi quoddam fossatum de latitudine quinque pedum ad faciendum cursum aque a fonte de Stanwelle usque ad mesagium suum. Pro hac autem donacione et presentis carte mee confirmacione dedit mihi prefatus Laurentius xxv solidos. Quare uolo et concedo quod ipse et heredes sui habeant et teneant predictam terram cum pertinentiis libere et hereditarie de me et meis heredibus per seruicium prenominationum. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus illi et heredibus suis hoc tenementum uersus omnes homines et feminas. Testibus Gilberto de Estewd' . et Antonio de Sopiland sacerdotibus . Willelmo filio Willelmi . Henrico de . . . Johanne de Fleta . Willelmo Butelar' Rogero filio Serlonis Gralanc' Bruno Henrico de . . . Nicholas de Paclesham . Rogero de Berges . Si . . . Bald' filio Radulfi Waltero Muluell' . Godefrido et Waltero de Sopiland'.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; red. Shield of arms, barry dancetty; no legend.

The constables of Boulogne took their name, *de Osterwic*, from Austruy in the Boulonnais; they held Shopland of the honor of Boulogne (Round, *Peerage and Family History*, 158). The Pipe Rolls show Shopland to have been in the king's hand and at farm from 1194 to Easter 1199. The constable seems to have lost it temporarily during the troubles at the end of John's reign, but to have recovered it before 1219 (*Fees*, 278) and to have been in possession in 1221–2 (*ibid.* 1435). By 1230 he was finally out of possession, and in 1236 the king granted it to Henry de Tybetot (*Close Rolls*, 1227–31, 429; *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, i. 220). The land in question was the manor of Butlers, held in 1261 by William le Botyller of Robert de Tybetot (Morant, *Essex*, i. 310); the name survives in Butler's Farm (*EPNS Essex*, 201). The form of warranty against all men and women makes it unlikely that the charter is before 1194, and the limits of date are therefore 1199–1230. The handwriting suggests a date in the early part of the period.

¹ *Sic.*

² *Sic for scilicet.*

405

Charter of William de Munchensy giving to Richard of Seething, Norf., a hundred 'solidatae' of land in Sutton, Norf., after the death of his mother Agnes who holds that village in dower. For this Richard has quitclaimed to William lands which he was claiming in Loddon and Sisland, Norf. (1190-1)

BS FACSIMILE, first three words.

Willelmus de Munkenesi omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et hac mea karta confirmasse Ricardo de Seinges propter humagium et seruicium suum centum solidatas terre in terris et humagiis et redditibus racionabiliter computatas in uilla de Sudtun post decessum Agnetis matris mee . que tenet predictam uillam in dotem . illi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate . libere et quiete et pacifice et honorifice per seruicium tertie partis feodi unius militis. Et propter hanc donationem et huius karte confirmacionem . predictus Ricardus clamauit michi et heredibus meis quietam de se et heredibus suis quandam terram quam ipse clamauit uersus me in Lodnes et Sislande . et redidit¹ michi cartam patris mei quam inde habuit. Et preter hoc dedi predicto Ricardo unum bisantem de thalamo meo de saisina per annum recipiendum donec terra predicta sit queta de matre mea predicta. Hiis testibus Willelmo comite Susexie Willelmo filio suo Henrico de Albeneio Reinero fratre suo . Hugone de Alben' . Gileberto de Norff' . Galfrido de Ambli . Willelmo filio Heruei . Brien filio Radulfi Willelmo de Manerio . Warino filio Radulfi Willelmus¹ Russel . Ricardo de Bradeker Radulfo de Bukeham . Ricardo de Vileken Stephano de Broked' Reginaldo filio suo . Willelmo Acull' . Radulfo de Bukeham Hugone de Bukeham Galfrido de Seinges Roberto de Cleiis Roberto de Rye . Willelmo le Gris . Ricardo de Bepel . Rogero de Reimes.

SEAL on pink cord: shield-shaped, $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms, a fess and a chief each charged with a fess dancetty; no legend.

For the donor see *CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 418-20. He was the younger son of Warin de Munchensy by Agnes, daughter and coheir of Payn fitzJohn. His elder brother Ralf was living in 1185 (*Rot. de Dominabus*, 50), but was certainly dead in 1190. Agnes died between Michaelmas 1190 and Michaelmas 1191 (*CP*, loc. cit.). Sutton was held of the earl of Norfolk (*HKF* iii. 108). For Richard of Seething see note to No. 296 above. The stipulation that William should make an annual payment from his chamber is noteworthy. It would, however, probably be going too far to see in it evidence of an elaborate financial organization analogous to the public and private finances of the king, although something of the sort may have existed in the case of a great magnate like the earl of Gloucester (Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 68-9). The phrase here used probably means no more than that, the payment being temporary in nature, it would be made from petty cash and not charged on land or rent.

¹ *Sic.*

EX CARTIS DOMINI SIMONDS D'EWES DE STOW LANGTOFT
IN COMITATU SUFF'. MILITIS ANNO 1640

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Confirmation by Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, constable of Chester, of the grant of Henry of Tarbock, Lancs., and Elena his wife to Burscough priory, Lancs., of Ridgate in Huyton, Lancs. Halton: 30 Sept. 1285

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 460, from the cartulary.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris uel audituris Henricus de Lascy comes Lincoln' constabularius Cestr' salutem in domino sempiternam. Noueritis nos concessisse et presenti scripto quatenus in nobis est confirmasse priori et canonicis de Burschou et eorum successoribus locum qui dicitur Ruddegate in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam prout in carta quam Henricus de Torbuc et Elena uxor eius dictis priori et canonicis inde fecerunt plenarie continetur. Ita videlicet quod unus leprosororum de feodo nostro de Widnes si inueniatur in dicto loco admittatur et prout unus leprosororum retroactis temporibus in dicto loco existentis¹ consueuerat sustentari ibidem rationabiliter sustentetur . et post decessum unius alter loco ipsius subrogetur . et quod una missa singulis annis in festo Pasce ibidem celebretur . et quod nomen nostrum et nomen Margarete uxoris nostre in martirolegio et in canone conscribantur in memoriam eternam. Et ut hec nostra concessio et confirmacio perpetue firmitatis robur optineat presentem paginam sigilli nostri inpressione roborauimus. Datum apud Halton' die sancti Geronimi confessoris . anno gracie M°.CC°. octagesimo quinto.

SEAL² on tag: round, 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ in.; green; edge chipped. Equestrian, plumed helmet with visor closed, hauberk of mail, surcoat, shield and trappings with arms as on counterseal, the lions on the trappings to the sinister, horse plumed; [S'] hE[NRICI . DE . LACI . COMITIS . LINCOLNIE . ET CON-STABULAR] : CEST[R']

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. Shield of arms suspended by a strap from a tree, a lion rampant; a lion rampant addorsed on either side; beaded edge; no legend.

The charter here confirmed seems to have been made in 1277. It is recited in an *inspeximus* of Roger Longespée, bishop of Lichfield, dated 13 Oct. 1283 (Add. Chart. 20521, see *Index to Charters in B.M.* ii. 99). Henry and Elena restored Ridgate which their 'anteccessor' Richard son of Henry (Elena's great-grandfather) had given to the lepers living there, but which had come into lay hands. In 1303 the priory quitclaimed the land to Elena, then a widow (Harl. Chart. 44 B 21). Elena represented a younger branch of the family of Lathom and Henry, her husband, was a younger brother of the contemporary lord of Lathom. Tarbock was held of the earl of Lincoln (*Fees*, 1105). Henry de Lacy succeeded his father Edmund de Lacy in 1258, being then under age.

¹ *Sic for existentium.*

² Cf. BM 6156-8, counterseal with legend SIGILLUM . SECRETI.

407

Charter of William (Basset) abbot and the monks of St. Benet of Holme granting the manor of Heigham next Norwich to Richard Basset for his life, to revert to the abbey on Richard's death or entry into religion. (1127-9 or 1134)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 44 E 19.

BS FACSIMILE.

Facsimile in Blomefield, *History of Norfolk*, iv. 504.

PRINTED: *The Register of the Abbey of St. Benet of Holme* (Norfolk. Rec. Soc.), 173, with comments at 192, 217.

Notum sit presentibus & futuris fidelibus . quia ego Willelmus . abbas¹ & nos monachi de ecclesia sancti Benedicti de Holm . concessimus Richardo Basset in communi capitulo nostro manerium nostrum de Heham cum omnibus rebus eidem manerio pertinentibus habendum ad firmam omnibus diebus uite sue pro x libris per annum . tribus competentibus terminis . scilicet ad purificationem sancte Marie v marcas . in die ascensionis domini v marcas . ad uincula sancti Petri v marcas pro omni seruitio. Eo pacto ut post obitum ipsius Richardi idem manerium de Heham remaneat nobis liberum & quietum cum omni emendatione & instauramento quod ipse Richardus & sui posuerint in manerio . sine ulla calumnia alicuius heredis sui. Si uero uitam suam aliquo euentu mutare uoluerit . etiam uiuens cum omni instauramento et emendatione liberum & quietum reddet ecclesie nostre. Post obitum uero ipsius . faciemus plenarie seruitium totius anni sicut pro uno fratre nostro . et deinde singulis annis aniuersarium ipsius . & hoc seruitium concessimus ei ut fratri nostro pro amore dei et sancti Benedicti . et quia reddet nobis manerium liberum & quietum cum omni instauramento sicut superius dictum est. Hiis testibus . Willelmo archidiacono . Ulfkytello presbitero . Alwino presbitero . Anundo presbitero . Adam clerico . Folkwino de Fontanis uicecomite . Willelmo filio Richardi . Turstino Reuello . Osmundo Basset . Benjamin seruiente regis . Willelmo de Curetsun . Adam dapifero . Willelmo de Redham . & Osberno de Redham . Baldrico et fratre eius Ædwardo . Richardo filio Stanhardi . Leurico de Fiscele . Hugone filio Alrici . Radulfo de Curetsun . Gyleberto de Reinestorp . Rogero de Ueille . Ernoldo Gylin . Rodberto de Wasxtunesham . Symundo de Lundham . Rogero & alii plures:²

CYROGRAPHVM

Endorsed: Richard Basset (12th century).

De firma manerii de Hegham de Norwic (late 13th century).

SEAL on leather tag protruding from the top of the document and facing to the back of the original: round, 3½ in.; brown. A knight standing on the sinister side in full chain armour, pointed helmet, and long kite-shaped shield with a cross device on it; and striking with his sword a griffin standing before him with a naked man in its jaw. [R]ICARDI . BAS See Plate III.

Central portion only, indistinct, now survives on original.

Richard Basset was, like his father, for a time Henry I's justiciar. It may be presumed that William

¹ *abbas* interlined above *Willelmus* both in original and BS.

² *Sic.*

Basset, abbot 1127–34, was a kinsman. The document is not entered in the cartulary, but the writ of Richard Basset informing his servants at Heigham that he has quitclaimed to the monks all his right in Heigham and restored that manor to them is entered (*Register*, No. 157). In form a cyrograph, the present document is the part remaining to the abbey. Folkwin de Fontaines, the sheriff, is probably Fulcoin, sheriff of Surr., Cambs., and Hunts.: see Round, *Commune of London*, 121–3. He ceased to be sheriff of Hunts. at Michaelmas 1129 (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 44) and does not appear elsewhere on the roll, so that 1129 may be the later limit of date for this charter.

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Charter of Ranulf III earl of Chester granting to Roger (de Lacy), constable of Chester, free fishing for one boat with all manner of nets by day and night in the river Dee below and above the bridge of Chester and in particular at Eaton.
Chester (1190–1207)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 52 A 17.

BS FACSIMILE.

Rannulfus comes Cestr' omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit salutem. Notum sit uobis omnibus me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Rogero conestabulario meo unum liberum batellum in fluuio de . De . apud Cestriam . tenendum illi et heredibus suis de me et de meis heredibus libere et quiete per quedam calcaria deaurata annuatim reddenda in natiuitate sancti Johannis Baptiste. Et concedo ei et heredibus suis quod faciant piscari cum predicto batello suo subtus pontem Cestr' et supra pontem Cestr' et nominatim apud Ettonam die ac nocte cum flonettis et draghenettis . et stalnettis . et cum omnibus generibus retium cum quibus aliquid aliud liberiorum¹ batellorum de Cestr' piscatur et ubique ubi aliquid liberorum batellorum piscatur . et quod faciant uoluntatem suam de piscibus quos ceperint. Et prohibeo super forisfacturam meam decem librarum : ne aliquis ipsum aut heredes suos super hoc uexare aut disturbare presummat. Hiis testibus . Roberto de Monte alto senescallo Cestr' . Radulfo de Mesnilwar' . Thoma dispensatore . Petro Roaud . Philippo de Orreb' . fratre Roberto filio Ricardi . Adam de Dotton et Hugone de Dutton . Petro clerico . et multis aliis . Apud Cestr'.

Endorsed: De libero batallo in aqua de De. (13th century.)

Fragment of seal on tag: no design; uncoloured.

It is not easy to date this charter closely. Roger succeeded his father John as constable in 1190 and died in 1211. Moreover, the witness Philip de Orreby is not described as justiciar, an office which he held as early as Nov. 1207; this gives the limits of 1190–1207. In 1194 Roger succeeded to the Lacy honor of Pontefract and took the name of Lacy; on the Pipe Roll of 1196 he occurs as Roger de Lacy in one entry (*PR 8 Ric. I*, 174), though in others as Roger the constable, so on the whole it is not safe to draw an inference as to date from the absence of the new surname.

¹ *Sic.*

409

Charter of Galiena de Dammartin in her widowhood giving 76 acres of land and an acre of meadow in Norton Mandeville, Ess., to her son John de Mandeville. (Mid 13th century; after 1242)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galiena de Daummartin in mea uiduali et legali potestate mea dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Johanni de Maunde-uill' filio meo pro homagio et seruicio suo sexaginta et sexdecim acras terre et unam acram prati in uilla mea de Nortun'. quarum sexaginta et sexdecim acrarum quadraginta acre iacent in campo qui vocatur Westfeld iacente iuxta terram rectoris ecclesie de Alta Angria et terram domini Walrani de Muncews . et octo acre que iacent in campo qui vocatur la Mora . et quindecim acre que iacent in alio campo qui similiter uocatur Westfeld iacente iuxta terram sancti Pauli London' quam dominus Ricardus Foliot tenet . et una acra terre que uocatur Old Apeltun' que iacet in eodem campo . et decem acre que vocantur Kelleueland . et tres acre terre iacentes in campo qui vocatur Westfeld inter terram que uocatur Kelleueland et terram meam et extendunt se a terra domini Ricardi Foliot usque ad cheminum regale . et una acra prati que iacet propinquius prato rectoris ecclesie de Alta Angria cum omnibus suis pertinentiis et fossatis et sepibus dictas terras circumeuntibus que me contingebant aliquando . salua michi et hominibus meis una uia de latitudine unius pertice in boriali parte iuxta sepem dicti Johannis que ducit a chemino regali quod uocatur le Westrete . usque ad ripariam ad fugandum et carandum ad pratum meum quod uocatur Longemad. Volo etiam et concedo quod dictus Johannes et heredes sui uel sui assignati habeant liberum introitum et exitum quo et quando uoluerint ⁊ eundi et introeundi fugandi cariandi equitandi et caciandi ad dictas terras sine ulla contradictione mei uel heredum meorum ab ecclesia de Nortun' per uiam que se extendit uersus Angriam scilicet in campo qui vocatur Chirchefeld iuxta longam sepem ex parte australi. Habendum et tenendum de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis ex legitimo toro procreatis uel cuicunque dare vendere inuadiare uel assignare uoluerit ⁊ exceptis domibus religiosis et Judeis . bene in pace integre et hereditarie . reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis uel meis assignatis unum galoflarium ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste pro omnibus seruiciis auxiliis consuetudinibus curiarum sectis querelis exactionibus . et omnimodis demandis . saluo seruicio domini regis scilicet quando scutagium euenerit ⁊ pro qualibet acra unum denarium. Ego uero dicta Galiena et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus dicto Johanni et heredibus suis uel suis assignatis predictas terras cum suis pertinentiis per predictum seruicium contra omnes gentes in perpetuum. Et ut hec mea donacio et warantizacio mea rata sit et stabilis imperpetuum . presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Radulfo de Macy Helia del Frith . Willelmo filio suo Johanne de Merk . Nicholao filio Warini Warino de Panda Ricardo le quilt' . Warino Mingy . Galfrido de Wyham Johanne de Muntvirum clerico et aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $1\frac{5}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; brown. Beneath an estoile a shield of arms curved at top and sides, quarterly, 1, a lion passant guardant; 2, vair; 3, pily; 4, barry; ✠ SIGILL' : GALIENE : DE DAMMART.

Galiena was daughter and heir of William de Dammartin (see note to No. 332 above). A jury in 1275 gave a detailed account of her marriages (*Rot. Hundred.* ii. 193). On her father's death in 1195 Richard I gave her wardship to William Briwerre, who married her to his brother John (*Rot. Chart.* i. 60, 123) in or before 1197 (*PR 9 Ric. I.* 239). John was living in Mar. 1210 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, vi. 21), but died without issue before Michaelmas 1210 (*Fees*, 61 n., citing *PR 12 John*). At Michaelmas 1210 Robert of Burgate offered 700 marks for her and her land and in 1212 is returned as holding Mendlesham in his wife's right (*Fees*, 138). According to the jurors in 1275 Galiena was still under age when married to Robert; if so she can hardly have been 7 years old when married to John Briwerre. Robert of Burgate died at some time after Easter 1220, when he occurs under Suffolk (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, viii. 320). The 1275 jurors said that on his death she married Ernald de Mandeville, whose name suggests that he was a descendant of Ernulf or Ernald de Mandeville, the disinherited son of the first earl of Essex (Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 227 et seq.). He may be the Arnulf de Mandeville, son of Arnulf de Mandeville, who occurs in Middlesex in 1219 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls* viii. 110). Galiena had two sons by her third husband: John, the donee of the present charter, and Hugh, to whom she gave the manor of Mendlesham (*Rot. Hundred.* loc. cit.). In 1228 Ernulf de Mandeville and Galiena his wife had a plea with Isabel countess of Oxford as to the custody of the land and heir of Robert of Burgate (*Close Rolls, Hen. III.* i. 92). He was Peter of Burgate, son of Galiena by Robert. In 1242-3 Peter held 2 fees in Burgate, Suff., of the earl of Oxford (*Fees*, 916), and in 1257-8 he consented to a gift of land in Great Missenden made by Galiena (*Cartulary of Missenden Abbey*, Bucks. Arch. Soc. 74).

Norton Mandeville had been held by Galiena's father (*PR 7 Ric. I.* 52). The mention of Waleran de Monceaux assists in dating this charter. In 1212 Compton Monceaux, Hants, was held by Waleran de Monceaux (*Fees*, 75), in 1219 and 1242-3 by William de Monceaux (*ibid.* 258, 705), and in 1256 by Waleran de Monceaux (see No. 479 below). This means that the charter was made about the middle of the 13th century.

410

Charter of Richard son of Simon giving to Silvester his brother the village of 'Wiche' which Ilbert de Funtainnes, his father's grandfather, held in fee and inheritance. (Early Henry II)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 50 B 34.

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus filius Simonis patri suo et A. matrique¹ sue et fratribus suis Huberto Willelmo Warino & omnibus hominibus suis et amicis suis & uicinis suis Francigenis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse & concessisse. Siluestro fratri meo et heredibus suis villam de Wiche quam tenuit Ilbertus de Funtainnes auus patris mei in feudo et hereditate ad tenendum de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete. per seruicium facientem domino Toeni & regi. Testibus Simone patre meo et A. matre mea et Huberto et Warino et Simone filio Reinb' Willelmo filio Gulberti Ilgero capellano Rogero de Nort' Liart Waltero filio Eliis. Ogero Ricardo filio Huberti Simone filio Alexandri.

No endorsement.

SEAL on pink cord: fragmentary and defaced.

¹ Sic.

No clue has been found to the identity of the persons or place mentioned in this charter. The only Wiche occurring in Domesday (i, f. 176) as on the fee of Tosny is Droitwich, but whereas there Tosny held only one hide out of ten, here the gift is one of the whole village. The British Museum *Index Locorum* (i. 21) tentatively suggests Ash Wicken in Norfolk, but there is no trace of its having been held of Tosny. A Silvester son of Simon occurs under Essex in 1156 and 1158 (*PR* 2-4 *Hen. II*, 18, 134), but no place of this name in that county seems to have been on the Tosny fee. Since the land had been held by the donor's great-grandfather, this charter can hardly be earlier than the reign of Henry II; on the other hand, its form makes a later date unlikely.

4II

Notification by Henry of Almain, William de Valence, earl of Pembroke, John de Warenne, earl of Surrey, William de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, Roger de Somery, Thomas de Clare, Robert Walerand, Roger de Clifford, Hamo l'Estrange, Bartholomew de Sudeley, and Robert de Briwes that whereas they have gone surety that, for the redemption of his lands, Robert de Ferrers, earl of Derby, will pay to Edmund, the king's son, the sum of £50,000 and that the earl has delivered to them all his lands to indemnify them and has not paid the aforesaid sum within the time agreed, they in the presence of the king and his council have assigned all the said lands to Edmund, together with the dower of the lady Margaret, the earl's mother, until the earl or his heirs shall pay the whole sum to Edmund or his heirs. Westminster: 9 July 1269

BS FACSIMILE. Plate VII.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Henricus de Alemann' Willelmus de Valenc' comes Penbrok' Johannes de Warennā comes Surr' Willelmus de Bello campo comes Warwyk' Rogerus de Somery Thomas de Clare Robertus Walraund Rogerus de Clifford Hamo Extraneus Bartholomeus de Suthleg et Robertus de Briwes salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod cum nos ad requisicionem Roberti de Ferr' comitis Derb' et amicorum suorum manuceperimus pro eodem quod ipse pro redempcione terrarum et tenementorum suorum solueret domino Edmundo filio Regis Anglie quinquaginta milia librarum sterlingorum in quindena festi natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis quinquagesimo tercio¹ et idem comes pro indempnitate nostra tradidisset nobis omnes terras et tenementa sua predicta sub hac forma quod nisi idem comes predictam summam pecunie eidem domino Edmundo solueret in termino predicto uel aliter ei satisfaceret ex tunc liceret nobis omnes terras et tenementa sua predicta cum suis pertinenciis eidem domino Edmundo reddere et assignare habenda et tenenda sibi et heredibus suis libere et quiete donec dictus comes predictam summam quinquaginta milium librarum totam simul et semel persolueret. fructibus ab ipso inde medio tempore perceptis in solucionem dicte redempcionis minime computandis: prout predictae conuenciones in instrumentis inde confectis et sigillo eiusdem comitis sigillatis plenius continentur cumque predictus comes predictam summam pecunie dicto domino Edmundo in predicto termino iam elapso non

¹ 8 July 1269.

soluerit nec aliter eidem satisfecerit. Nos in presencia domini Regis predicti et magnatum qui sunt de consilio suo omnes terras et tenementa predicta cum suis pertinenciis domino Edmundo prefato reddidimus et assignauimus habenda et tenenda sibi et heredibus uel assignatis suis una cum dote domine Margarete matris eiusdem comitis cum accidit / quousque dictus comes uel eius heredes predicto domino Edmundo uel heredibus suis totam predictam pecuniam simul et semel persoluerint prout continetur in instrumentis supradictis. In cuius rei testimonium huic scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus . Dominis Philippo Basset Reginaldo filio Petri Roberto Agwyllum . Roberto de Thyptot Pagano de Chawrth' Willelmo de Aete Willelmo de Wyntereshull' Waltero de Burges Stephano de Eddewrth' Rogero de Walton' militibus . Waltero de Merton' magistro Johanne de Cheshull' magistro Thoma de Wymondham Henrico de Monteforti clericis et aliis. Datum apud Westminsterium nono die Julii anno regni domini Regis predicti quinquagesimo tercio.

Eight SEALS on narrow strips cut to rather more than half-way across the document, a riband cut to within 1½ in. of left side of the document, torn off: (i) round, 1½ in.; brown. Shield of arms, a lion rampant within a bordure charged with roundels; beaded edges to legend; ✠ **SECRET HENRICI REX : R : REGIS : ROMANOR'**

(ii) Round, 1¼ in.; brown. On a traceried background shield of arms, burelly an orle of martlets [VALENCE]; beaded edges to legend; ✠ **SIGILLU' [GVILLU'] I . D[E . VALEN]CE** Cf. BM 14090

(iii) Round, 7⁄8 in.; green. Shield of arms, two lions passant [SOMERY].

(iv) Round, 1 in.; uncoloured. On a traceried background shield of arms, three chevrons a label of four points [CLARE]; * **SI [THO]ME : DE**

(v) Round, 1 in.; green; chipped. Shield of arms, five fusils in bend [WALROND]; beaded edges to legend; ; **ROBERTI : WÄU**

(vi) Fragment, green.

(vii) Broken, uncoloured. Shield of arms a lion passant guardant.

(viii) Broken, green. Shield of arms, two lions passant guardant [? LESTRANGE].

This document represents the conclusion of the first stage in the process by which the king and his council contrived to deprive the untrustworthy holder of a great position of his title and lands. For the facts see *CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 200 et seq., and Powicke, *Henry III and the lord Edward*, 523–6. No case illustrates more clearly the characteristic 13th-century reliance on the forms of legal process rather than on violent direct sentence against an enemy of the State.

412

Notification by Magnus, king of Man and the Isles, to his bailiffs and liegemen that the ships and goods of the prior and convent of Conishead, Lancs., are to be free of toll throughout his dominions. Furness abbey: 3 May 1256

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 A 70.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Oliver, *Monumenta de Insula Manniae* (Manx Soc. vii. 87), from the original; *Mon.* vi. 558, 'ex autog. in bibl. Hattoniana'.

Magnus¹ dei gracia rex Mannie et Insularum . omnibus balliuis suis et fidelibus suis per Manniam et Insulas constitutis salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas vestra nos pro salute

¹ The *M* is rubricated.

animarum omnium parentum nostrorum¹ quietas clamasse omnes naues et res dilectorum fratrum et specialium amicorum nostrorum prioris et conuentus de Cunigesheued de thol' et omnibus aliis demandis et consuetudinibus per omnes terras nostras. Quare uobis mandamus quatinus homines suos et omnes res suas protegatis et ubique defendatis et amodo thol a naue sua vel bonis suis non exigatis neque capiat in perpetuum nec dampnum aliquod aut grauamen sibi vel hominibus suis ab aliquibus per terras nostras fieri permittatis. Et quia istam elemosinam volumus interminabiliter perseuerare : pro nobis et heredibus nostris sigillum nostrum presenti scripto apposui-mus in testimonium. Datum aput abbatiam de Furnesio die inuentionis sancte crucis anno gracie M^oCC^oL^oVI^o.

Tag only for seal.

Magnus, third son of Olaf II, succeeded the usurper Ivar in 1252 and died 24 Nov. 1265.

413

Charter of King Henry II confirming to Stratford Langthorne abbey, Ess., 40 'solidatae' of land in West Ham, Ess., which William his brother gave. Oxford (Feb. 1164—March 1166)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 20.
BS FACSIMILE.

.H. rex Angl' . et dux Norm' . et Aquit' . et comes And' . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . iustic' . vicecomitibus . ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse pro anima Willelmi fratris mei ecclesie sancte Marie de Straffort et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus quadraginta solidatas terre in Hamma quas Willelmus frater meus eis dedit in perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prenominata ecclesia et monachi habeant et teneant predictas xl solidatas terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in pratis et viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis et aliis rebus ad easdem pertinentibus . ita bene . et in pace . libere . quiete . plenarie . integre . et honorifice . cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut Willelmus frater meus eas illis dedit et carta sua confirmauit. Testibus . Gilleberto episcopo Lund' . Gaufrido archidiacono Cant' . Ricardo archidiacono Pictau' . comite Gaufrido . Ricardo de Luci . Gilleberto de Monfichet . Heruico de Monte Moric'. Apud Oxen'.

Endorsed: Confirmacio regis H. ij^{di} super xl solidatas terre in Hamma. (*Contemporary.*)

Collata j^a confirmacio regis Henrici secundi super xl solidatas terre in Hamma quas habuimus ex dono fratris eius in perpetuam elemosinam. (*13th century.*)

¹ meorum BS.

SEAL on tag: central portions of a Great Seal of Henry II, obv. and rev.; red.

For William 'Longsword', the third son of Geoffrey count of Anjou see No. 429 *n*. The charter must be later than his death at Rouen on 30 Jan. 1164; on the other hand, the earl of Essex died 21 Oct. 1166, but the king had left England in Mar. 1166 and did not return till 1170.

414

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xxvii. 32.

BS FACSIMILE.

Letters of attorney of Peter son of Robert de la Mare, knight, to Philip le But to put Adam of Stratton into full seisin of the hundred shillings of yearly rent which Peter was wont to receive from Isabel de Fortibus countess of Aumale in Cricklade, Wilts. London: 22 Apr. 1279.

SEAL on strip, a riband apparently torn off: round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; brown. Shield of arms suspended by a hook, two lions passant guardant; a wyvern on either side of the shield; * SE ET TI . D . MARRA.

The charter conveying this rent to Adam is also in the Cottonian Collection (xxvii. 31). Adam paid 100 marks sterling and was to hold the rent by a service of rendering a rose yearly at midsummer. It is dated at London a day earlier than these letters of attorney, but is in the same handwriting; no doubt they were both executed at the same time, but dated on consecutive days, a practice still followed in modern conveyancing in cases of a similar nature. For the career of Adam of Stratton see N. Denholm-Young, *Seignorial Administration in England*, 77-84. At the time he acquired this rent he was the steward of the countess of Aumale.

415

Charter of Nigel bishop of Ely specifying and separating from the lands of the bishopric the lands which he has granted to the cathedral priory for the use of the monks. (Spurious)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 H 5.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* i. 484, from the cartulary.

Nigellus dei gracia Elyensis ecclesie primus consecratus episcopus ⁊ uniuersis ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Cum diuina disponente gracia Elyensis ecclesie regimen ingressus fuisset . resque ecclesiasticas male in multis tractatas inuenisset . presertim eas que antea ad usum monachorum prouise & separate a rebus episcopalibus minusque sufficienter ad necessaria illorum constitute fuerant . decreui statim monachis utiliore dispositionem rerum suarum statuere. Unde consilio cum amicis meis inito hoc modo eis ea que subscripta sunt tam in terrarum possessionibus & ecclesiarum ad easdem terras pertinentium quam in cunctis aliis rebus que ad opus illorum pertinent ordinaui . & imperpetuum sic permanere concedo. Terrarum igitur nomina¹ hec sunt . Infra insulam . Suttuna . Wicheham . Wichefort . Wintewrda . Tithbrichteseia . Witleseia . Stunteneia . cum xxii^{bus} milibus anguillarum que

¹ Interlined BS.

capiuntur in paludibus & aquis quę adiacent manerio illi. Et omnes apportatus & oblationes altarium matris ecclesię . ad sustinendas eiusdem ecclesię necessitates. Et ecclesia sancte Marię de Ely . cum terris & decimis . & omnibus rebus ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus. Et nominatim tota decima de bertona mea. Et uacaria j in Dereforda. Et Bela. Et vij pensas salis in Tirintuna. Quin etiam ligna in Sumeresham . & in Bluntesham . sicut melius habuerunt tempore predecessorum meorum. Et super ripam de Bluntesham ⁊ una mansura terre . cum v acris . ubi colligantur ligna . & cum viij^{to} acris prati unde pascantur boues . qui ligna attrahunt. Vineam etiam suam in Ely . sicut habuerunt antequam ad episcopatum uenirem. Et vj piscatores ad piscandum in aquis ubi solebant . cum eorum mansionibus. Extra insulam . In Cantebrigesyra . Meldeburna . Melreda . Hauechestune . Nowetuna . Wrettinge . Stiuciswrde . Suafham . et xij sceppe frumenti & brasii quas dant heredes Hardawini de Scalariis . et Stapalford. In Suthfolc . Bercham . Stocha . Meltune . Suthburne . Kingestune . sacha & socha cum omnibus regalibus consuetudinibus in v hundredis & dimidio xx solidos . in Rescemere . Lachingahutha . Vndaleia . Scepeia. In Northfolch . Fotestorp ad mandatum monachorum. Et xxx milia allecium de Duneuico. Concedo eis etiam omnes seruientes suos de omnibus ministeriis suis¹ . ut eos cum suis mansuris libere possideant. Permitto preterea ut habeant & libere possideant uniuersa dona quę eisdem ante tempus episcopatus mei . siue tempore meo data sunt . uel in posterum dabuntur . siue in terris . siue in ecclesiis . siue in decimis . siue in piscariis . siue in denariis . siue in quocunque redditu . quem eis quilibet fidelium hactenus contulerit . siue postmodum collaturus sit. Omnia autem prescripta insuper & curiam suam ipsis concedo . cum uniuersis libertatibus & consuetudinibus quę in terris quę mei iuris sunt seruantur . nichil prorsus excipiens . ita ut aliquis posterorum meorum de ipsorum rebus nichil omnino se intromittat . nisi quod eosdem cum omnibus possessionibus suis fideliter & indesinenter protegat & defendat . & omnimodo manu teneat. Si quis uero malignitatis spiritu commotus hanc nostram concessionem & donationem infringere . contempnere uel abicere uoluerit ⁊ a deo & ab omnibus sanctis eius sit condempnatus . & a nobis in quantum licet excommunicatus . & a consortio omnium fidelium separatus nisi resipiscat . fiat . fiat . amen.

Endorsed: Carta domini Nigelli episcopi de terris (12th century) de terris scilicet et possessionibus et ecclesiis ad uictum et vestitum monachorum ordinatis (13th century).

SEAL on strip protruding in upper half of left-hand side of charter; another strip, without seal, protrudes at the same point in the left-hand side of the lower half of the charter: pointed oval, c. $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. The bishop full length, standing on a corbel, his right hand raised in benediction and a pastoral staff in his left; **GE . EPIS .** BM 1491

This charter bears on its face the suggestion of forgery. That it was compiled in the 12th century there seems little doubt, but it was certainly not written, as its beginning implies, in the early years of Nigel's episcopate. It may be that the monks forged it when Nigel was incapable of action in the last years of his life, for his seal is attached to the document. It should be compared with No. 420 which purports to be a similar grant from Hervey, the first bishop.

¹ Omitted BS.

416

Charter of John de Warenne, earl of Surrey, inspecting and confirming the charters of his predecessors, William, Hamelin, William, and William, for the priory of the Holy Sepulchre at Thetford. Methwold, Norf.: 4 Apr. 1315

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 57 E 32.

BS FACSIMILE. The charters inspected are numbered for convenience.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 729, 'ex autogr. in bibl. Deuvesiana, a. 1640'.

Johannes comes Warennie . omnibus Christi fidelibus salutem in domino sempiternam. Noueritis nos inspexisse cartas nobilium virorum dominorum Willelmi Hamelini Willelmi et Willelmi¹ quondam comitum Warennie antecessorum nostrorum quas fecerunt priori et canonicis ecclesie sancti sepulcri de Theford et eorum successoribus in hec uerba. 1. Willelmus comes Warennie omnibus baronibus suis et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis et amicis suis clericis et laicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Omnibus vobis notum facio me concessisse et dedisse deo et sanctissimo sepulcro locum et sedem ecclesie sancti sepulcri de Theford cum quadrugata terre infra campos ipsius ville libere et quiete in perpetuam elemosinam pro amore domini nostri Jhesu Christi ac sui sanctissimi sepulcri pro remissione peccatorum meorum et pro salute anime Willelmi comitis patris mei et pro remissione peccatorum matris mee Isabelle et fratrum meorum Radulphi Warenn' et Reginaldi Warenn' parentumque meorum uiuorum ac defunctorum et omnium fidelium. Et uolo et precipio ut isti canonici mei predice ecclesie habeant saca et soca tol et taem et infangethef etiamque ecclesias et decimas meas de Theford' et homines et terras et faldas et pascua et omnia sua infra burgum et extra bene et in pace et honorifice cum omni ecclesiastica libertate teneant sicut unquam rex Stephanus melius et liberius tenuit et michi dedit. Concedo etiam eis feriam duorum dierum scilicet in inuencione sancte crucis in Maio et aliam in exaltacione solam et quietam de omni consuetudine cuntis² venientibus et ibi manentibus et redeuntibus illis mea firma pace concessa. Si quis autem super hoc aliquid eis forisfecerit aut contumeliam ingererit' cito emendetur super decem libras forisfacture. Necnon et palmiferis fratribus meis et burgensibus et omnibus fidelibus amicis meis precor et precipio ac uolo ut istam meam elemosinam et suam pro posse suo fideliter manuteneant et exaltent. Huius donacionis et confirmacionis hii testes sunt Radulphus Warenn' Reginaldus Warenn' Radulphus de Bailol² etc. 2. Hamelinus comes Warenn' omnibus baronibus suis et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis et amicis suis clericis et laicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Omnibus vobis notum facio quod ego assensu et voluntate Isabelle comitisse Warenn' uxoris mee et Willelmi de Warenn' filii et heredis mei dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctissimo sepulcro et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus locum et sedem ecclesie sancti sepulcri de Theford cum quadrugata terre infra campos ipsius ville libere et quiete sicut carta Willelmi comitis Warenn'

¹ et Willelmi omitted BS.

² Sic.

antecessoris mei testatur in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro amore domini nostri Jhesu Christi et sui sanctissimi sepulcri et pro remissione peccatorum meorum et Isabelle comitis uxoris mee et Willelmi filii mei et pro salute anime Henrici regis fratris mei et Gaufridi comitis Andegauie patris mei et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum et parentum meorum uiuorum ac defunctorum et omnium fidelium. Ideoque volo et precipio quod isti canonici mei predictae ecclesie habeant saca et soca tol et taem et infangethef et ecclesias et decimas tocus dominii mei et omnium terrarum mearum quas tradidi hominibus meis de Theford' de dominio meo quicunque de me in villa de Theford' terram tenuerit et coluerit. Homines eciam et terras et faldas et pascua et omnia sua infra burgum et extra burgum bene et in pace et honorifice cum omni ecclesiastica libertate teneant sicut unquam rex Ricardus Anglie melius et liberius tenuit et michi dedit. Concedo eciam predictis canonicis ferias trium dierum unam scilicet in inuencione sancte crucis in Maio et aliam in festiuitate sancti sepulcri et terciam in exaltacione sancte crucis solas et quietas de omni consuetudine cunctis venientibus et redeuntibus et ibi manentibus illis mea firma pace concessa. Si quis autem super hoc aliquid eis forisfecerit aut contumeliam ingererit' cito emendetur super decem libras forisfacture. Huius donacionis et confirmacionis hii sunt testes : Willelmus de Warenn' filius Reginaldi de Warenn' Radulphus de Plaiz Rogerus de Kailli etc. 3. Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod ego Willelmus comes Warenn' dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancto sepulcro de Theford' et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus decem solidos sterlingorum de molendino meo de Brendmilne pro salute anime mee et pro animabus patris et matris mee et animabus antecessorum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quos decem solidos recipient dicti canonici mei dicto molendino per manum balliui mei de Theford' ad duos terminos per annum videlicet ad festum sancti Andree apostoli quinque solidos et ad festum beate Marie in Marcio quinque solidos. Et quoniam volo quod hec mea concessio et donacio firma et stabilis in perpetuum perseueret' presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione confirmaui. Hiis testibus Radulfo de Pleiz etc. 4. Hamelinus comes Warenn' dilectis et fidelibus suis Richero de Refham et balliuis suis de Theford' salutem. Noueritis me intuitu caritatis et pro salute anime mee et pro anima G. comitis Andeg' patris mei et pro anima domini mei H. regis Anglie et pro animabus antecessorum meorum et pro animabus comitum et comitis-sarum de honore de Warenn' qui decesserunt assensu et voluntate Isabelle comitisse Warenn' uxoris mee et Willelmi de Warenn' filii et heredis nostri dedisse et concessisse deo et sancte Marie et canonicis deo in ecclesia de sancto sepulcro seruientibus in villa mea de Theford' viginti solidatas redditus quos viginti solidos atturinaui dictis canonicis annuatim percipiendos de molendinis meis de Theford' ad tres terminos videlicet ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam et ad festum Candelarum dimidiam marcam et ad Pentecosten dimidiam marcam. Et ita annuatim percipiendi sunt viginti solidi ad tres terminos quousque alias dictum redditum dictis canonicis atturnauero et cartam meam super hac donacione fecero. Valete. 5. Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit quod ego Willelmus comes Warenn'

pro salute animarum patris et matris mee et pro salute anime mee et Matildis comitis uxoris mee et antecessorum meorum dedi et concessi deo et ecclesie sancti sepulcri de Theford' et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus in puram et liberam et perpetuam elemosinam decimam molendinorum meorum de Theford' scilicet de Pitmilne et Hindolfuesmilne. Et ut hec mea donacio et concessio rata et stabilis in perpetuum perseueret' presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione roborauit. Hiis testibus. Nicholao de Kenet Petro filio suo etc. 6. Willelmus comes Warenn' Reginaldo de Warenn' fratri suo et omnibus ministris suis de Theford' et burgensibus salutem. Mando vobis atque precipio quatinus canonici mei de sancto sepulcro et karissimi fratres mei teneant et habeant liberam et quietam absque omni seruicio terram illam de Fauertonefeld' quam Turstinus filius Algari dedit predictae ecclesie in elemosinam. Quapropter prohibeo ne iidem canonici ulli homini¹ aut femine inde respondeant uel in placitum intrent. Has uero predictas donaciones concessionem et confirmationes acceptamus ratificamus et confirmamus in omnibus quantum in nobis est pro nobis² et heredibus nostris in perpetuum predictis priori et canonicis et eorum successoribus adeo pure libere et integre sicut plenius et liberius in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam possint acceptari ratificari et quoquomodo confirmari pro salute anime nostre et animarum antecessorum et heredum nostrorum ac etiam pro salute anime Matildis de Nereford et antecessorum suorum et puerorum nostrorum. In cuius rei testimonium huic confirmationi sigillum nostrum apposui. Dat' apud Methelwolde quarto die Aprilis anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} quintodecimo et anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi octauo.

Endorsed: Confirmacio Johannis comitis Warenne de terr' in Theford. (15th century.)

SEAL on tag: round, c. 3½ in. when perfect; much broken; uncoloured. *Obv.*: equestrian, plumed helmet, shield and trappings with arms as on rev.; horse plumed. *Rev.*: within a cusped panel a shield of arms suspended from a tree, checky [WARENNE]; **ARE**

Slit only for seal-tag on original charter.

The grantor of this confirmation was the last earl of Surrey of the second house of Warenne. Maud de Nereford, for whose salvation it is said to be, was the mother of some of his illegitimate children.

1. This is the foundation charter. The only fixed limits of date are the death of the donor's father on 11 May 1138 and the donor's departure in 1147 on the crusade on which he died. The foundation is usually said to have taken place shortly before the earl's departure on crusade, but the fact that the charter mentions his mother and two brothers while remaining silent as to his wife, the Countess Ela, and his daughter Isabel suggests very strongly that the true date is earlier and before his marriage.

2. The Countess Isabel of this charter was the daughter and heiress of the founder, the third earl. She married as her first husband, William, the second son of King Stephen, who died without issue in Oct. 1159; thereafter she married the grantor of this charter, Hamelin, a natural son of Geoffrey, count of Anjou. The mention of King Richard shows the charter to be not earlier than 1189, while Roger de Cailli, a witness, died before 1199 (*HKF* iii. 383). The statement that Richard I had held the land in question seems to be an unintelligent following by the draftsman of a similar statement regarding Stephen in the previous charter. A feast of the Holy Sepulchre is found on 15 July in Egerton MS. 2902, a sacramentary of about the year 1200 apparently executed for a monastery connected with Jerusalem, and it has been noted on the same date at Fontevrault, Tours, Beaulieu-lès-Loches, and Nantes.³

¹ *hominum* BS.

² *est pro nobis* omitted BS.

³ Information supplied by Mr. Francis Wormald.

3. The grantor's father, Earl Hamelin, died in Apr. 1202, while the witness Ralf de Pleiz had been succeeded by his son Hugh by 1212 (Farrer, *op. cit.* iii. 335). An earlier Ralf de Pleiz witnesses charters of William the third earl, but the style of the present charter shows it to be one of the sixth earl.

4. Henry II is spoken of as dead; the limits of date are therefore 1189 and the grantor's death in 1202.

5. The countess's name shows this to be a charter of the sixth earl. The limits of date are therefore 1202 and 1232, when the witness Nicholas de Kenet had been succeeded by his son Peter (*HKF* iii. 343).

6. The address to Reginald de Warrene shows this to be a charter of the third earl.

417

Charter of King Richard I declaring that he has received Henry of Cornhill into his service and has granted to him to hold during pleasure all the charges which he had under Henry II except that of London. Westminster: 11 Oct. (1189)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 29.

BS FACSIMILE.

Mentioned: Landon, *Itinerary of Richard I*, PRS, No. 91.

Ricardus dei gracia rex Angl' dux Norm' Aquit' comes And' . archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus . justic' vicecomitibus . et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis . salutem. Sciatis nos recepisse Henricum de Cornhull' in seruitio nostro . et eidem omnes ballias et custodias integre quas de patre nostro . H. habuit et tenuit' concessisse. Habendas et tenendas quamdiu nobis placuerit . excepta tantum ballia Lond'. Et ideo volumus et precipimus ' quod predictus Henricus habeat omnes ballias et custodias integre et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis ' sicut eas habuit tempore domini regis . H. patris nostri ' sicut supradictum est. Testibus . H. Dunelm' episcopo . Ricardo Lond' electo Willelmo electo Elyensi cancellario nostro apud Westmonasterium xj die Octobris.

Endorsed: de omnibus baillis et custodiis carta reg' Ric'. (*Contemporary*.)

SEAL¹ on tag: the first Great Seal of Richard I, obv. and rev.; brown; broken on sinister side.

For the grantee's family see Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 304-12.

418

Charter of Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester and constable of Scotland, giving to Edmund de Lacy, his kinsman, the manors of Kippax and Scholes and the advowson of the church of Kippax, Yorks., W.R. (1252-7)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus de Quency comes Wynton' . constabularius Scott' dedi concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui pro me et heredibus meis

¹ BM 82, and cf. 80 for full description.

Eadmundo de Lascy consanguineo meo et heredibus suis pro homagio et seruicio suo maneria de Kypex et de Scales cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et aisiamentis homagiis et seruitiis libere tenencium et aliorum et omnibus aliis ad predicta maneria pertinentibus et cum aduocacione ecclesie de Kypex. Habenda et tenenda de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis in perpetuum in feodo et hereditate . libere . pacifice honorifice et quiete predicta maneria cum omnibus pertinentiis sine aliquo retenemento . in bosco et plano . in viis et semitis . in pratis et pascuis . in parcis et stagnis . in aquis et molendinis et in omnibus aliis pertinentiis ad predicta maneria pertinentibus. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui unum par cirotecarum grisio furratarum ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omnibus seruiciis sectis curie . consuetudinibus et demandis ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinentibus. Et ego et heredes mei predicta maneria cum omnibus pertinentiis predicto Eadmundo et heredibus suis contra omnes gentes in perpetuum warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus. Hiis testibus dominis Ricardo de Clare comite Glouernie et Herdfordie . Roberto de Quency . Philippo Luuell' tunc domini Regis thesaurario Henrico Engayne Saher' de Sancto Andrea . Waltero de Loudeham . Willelmo de Bosco . Johanne de Cranford . Johanne de Hoderode tunc senescallo de Pontefracto . Johanne Bekard . Willelmo Engayne Johanne Engaynne . Warino de Cundle Roberto de Sancto Andrea . Osberto tunc persona de Donington' . Briano clerico . Roberto Noel clerico et aliis.

SEAL¹ on cord: round, 3 in.; green; perfect. *Obv.*: equestrian, square-topped helmet, sword, surcoat, shield with [seven] voided lozenges [QUINCY], horse galloping with trappings charged with voided lozenges, a wyvern below; **SIGILLU' : ROGERI : DE : QVINCI : COMITIS WINCESTRIE** *Rev.*: standing figure in similar armour, shield with same arms, a wyvern crest on helmet, facing a lion on the dexter which supports the shield with its paws; in base a sexfoil; **SIGILLU' ROGERI DE QVINCI CONSTABILLU' ARII : SCOCIE** See Plate III.

Edmund de Lacy was son and heir of John de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, by Margaret *suo iure* countess of Lincoln, daughter of Robert de Quincy, grandfather of the donor, by Hawise sister and coheir of Rannulf earl of Chester and Lincoln. His mother Margaret outlived him and he seems never to have been invested with the earldom, though occasionally styled earl and receiving the third penny (*CP*, 2nd ed. vii. 680). This instrument seems to have been a step in an exchange between Roger and Edmund, for in Roger's inquisition it is stated that he held the manor of Elmsall in South Kirkby, Yorks., W.R., for life in exchange for the manors of Kippax and Scholes (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* i, No. 587). Kippax, however, belonged to the Lacys from early times; before 1123 Hugh de Laval, when temporarily in possession of the Lacy lands, gave or more probably confirmed the church to Pontefract priory (*EYC* iii, No. 1486), and the gift was confirmed by Thurstan and Roger, archbishops of York (*ibid.*, Nos. 1469, 1479) and by Theobald archbishop of Canterbury (*ibid.*, No. 1475). In 1233 a notification by Walter archbishop of York states that the priory had recovered the advowson against Roger de Quincy in an assize of darrein presentment (*Chartulary of St. John of Pontefract*, Yorks. Arch. Soc., Rec. Ser. xxv. 74), and in the same year John de Lacy, Edmund's father, in a letter to the archbishop acknowledged the priory's right to the advowson (*ibid.* 39). In these circumstances it is difficult to see on what ground Roger here purports to convey the advowson to Edmund. The limits of date are fixed by Philip Lovel's appointment to the treasurer'ship in 1252 and the death of the witness Robert de Quincy in 1257 (*Matthew Paris, Chron. Mai.*, RS v. 609).

¹ Cf. BM 6346 and vol. ii, pl. x; Greenwell and Blair, *Durham Seals*, 2045 and pl. 21; and Nos. 7, 15, 67 above; all imperfect.

419

Solemn charter of King Henry I founding the see of Ely with the consent and at the request of Pope Paschal II; the village of Spaldwick, Hunts., formerly belonging to the monastery of Ely, is given to the church of Lincoln and Robert its bishop in compensation. Nottingham: 17 Oct. 1109

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 C 11.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* i. 483, No. xx; Bentham, *History . . . of Ely*, App. 13*, No. vii; Farrer, *Itin.*, No. 230.

+ In nomine Sanctę & indiuiduę Trinitatis . patris & filii & spiritus sancti . anno incarnationis dominicę millesimo . centesimo . nono . indictione [blank] anno uero pontificatus Domni Paschal' pape secundi decimo . regni quoque mei similiter decimo . ego Henricus prouidente diuina clementia rex Anglorum . & Normannorum dux . Willelmi magni regis filius . qui Edwardo regi hereditario iure successit in regnum . uidens & ecclesię messem . in regno meo multam esse . & agricolas quidem paucos . & ob hoc plurimum laborantes in messe . & in ipsa Lincolniensem ecclesiam multa plebe fecundam . ex auctoritate & consilio predicti pape Paschalis . & assensu simul & prece Roberti Lincolniensis episcopi . qui tunc ecclesię predictę presidebat . & totius capituli sui cum ipso . annuente domino Anselmo beatę memorię Cantuariense archiepiscopo . & Thoma secundo uenerabili Eboracensium archiepiscopo . & uniuersis episcopis . abbatibus totius Anglię . sed & omnibus ducibus . comitibus . & principibus regni mei . Eliense monasterium in quo quidem usque in tempora mea abbates prefuerant . cum Cantebrugensi prouincia . quantum uidelicet ad ius Lincolniensis ecclesię pertinebat . cum abbatibus duabus . Thorneio uidelicet & Cetrict . in episcopalem sedem . sicut & ceteros episcopatus regni mei liberam & absolutam perenniter statuo & confirmo . Et pro subiectione & omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus ad supradictam Lincolniensem ecclesiam pertinentibus absoluendis . consilio & assensu predicti Pape Paschalis . de beneficiis eiusdem monasterii . uillam nomine Spalduic cum appenditiis suis . quę in territorio Huntedonię sita est . cum omnibus consuetudinibus ad predictam uillam pertinentibus . supradictę Lincolniensi ecclesię & Roberto eiusdem sedis episcopo . & successoribus suis sicut eam umquam Eliense monasterium liberius & quietius tenuit . iure perpetuo tradidi possidendam . Primum siquidem Londoniis apud Westmonasterium in sollemnitate pentecostes . de negotio isto in presentia mea coram felicis memorię Anselmo archiepiscopo . & uniuersis episcopis . & abbatibus . & proceribus regni mei tractatum . est . & eorum omnium communis assensus est fauorabiliter consecutus . Post mortem uero predicti pontificis Anselmi . ex auctoritate domni pape Paschalis . sicut iam supradictum est . in consilio apud castrum Notingham habito . in die translationis beatę Edeldrydę uirginis sedis eiusdem feliciter per misericordiam dei & terminatum . est . & definitum . xvi Kl'. Novemb' fauentibus & subscribentibus iis quorum annotate sunt hic tam signa quam nomina .

Ego Henricus rex Anglorum sub + scripsi

Ego Mathildis Anglorum regina sub-
scripsi +

Ego Mathildis . sponsa regis Rom' +

S' Heruei Eliensis episcopi primi

S' Rogerii episcopi Salesberiensis

S' Rannulfi cancellarii

S Thome Eboracensis archi + episcopi

S' Ricardi Baiocensis . episcopi +

S' Herberti Norwic' episcopi +

+ S Reinelm' . Heref' episcopi +

S' Radulfi Ro[ffens' episco]pi¹

+ S' Ricardi Lond' episcopi +

+ S' Roberti Cestrens' . episcopi +

+ S Willelmi Exoniens' . episcopi +

S Rannulfi Dunelmens' . episcopi +

S Roberti . Linc' . episcopi +

S' Roberti comitis + Mellenti

S' [blank]

S' Willelmi comitis de W + arenn'

S' Simonis comitis +

S' Steph[ani de]² + Albamara

S' Rogeri comitis . Picta + uensis

S' Gisl' de Aquila +

S' Willelmi de Albinni +

S' Nigelli de Albinni +

Endorsed: Hec est carta Henrici regis . super episcopatu. (12th century.) A I.

Hec est carta regis Henrici super episcopatu. (14th century.)

SEAL on green cord: brown. Fragments of a Great Seal of Henry I, obv. and rev.

BM 28

There rests on this charter no suspicion of forgery. The witnesses are set out in three columns, the middle one running from Thomas archbishop of York to Robert bishop of Lincoln inclusive.

420

Charter of Hervey first bishop of Ely specifying and separating from the lands of the bishopric the lands which he has granted to the cathedral priory for the use of the monks. (Spurious)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 43 H 4.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* i. 483, from the cartulary; Bentham, *History . . . of Ely*, App. 21*, No. xxvi.

Erveus dei gratia Elyensis ecclesie episcopus primus ⁊ uniuersis ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Cum deo disponente cenobium Elyense regimini meo foret commissum . cenobiique nomine deleto in episcopii dignitatem domni Pape Paschalis auctoritate & principis nostri Henrici consensu . procerumque suorum consilio . commutatum fuisset ⁊ decreui necessaria monachorum a rebus episcopalibus separare . monachorum quippe necessaria prius per omnem eiusdem cenobii potestatem communiter capiebantur. Ego uero si eodem modo in posterum maneret . aliquam tali de causa seditionem timens pullulare ⁊ res monachorum a rebus episcopalibus separatim ordinaui . & ad ipsorum necessaria . eisdem ad horam assentientibus . hec subscripta illos separatim possidere permisi ⁊ ut permissa . & diuisa sunt . nisi si quid

¹ Ralf d'Escures was bishop of Rochester 1108–14. The document was already damaged at this point when BS was made.

² Supplied from BS.

a posteris meis erga eos liberalius fiat. in perpetuum manere concedo. Terrarum igitur nomina hæc sunt. Infra insulam. Suttuna. Wicheham. Wichefort. Wintewrda. Tithbrichtesia. Witleseia. Stunteneia. cum xxiiij^{bus} milibus anguillarum que adiacent manerio. Et omnes apportatus & oblationes altarium matris ecclesie. ad sustentandas eiusdem ecclesie necessitates. Et ecclesia sancte Marie de Ely. cum terris & decimis. & omnibus rebus ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus. Et nominatim tota decima de bertona mea. Et una uacaria in Bela. Et Stratham. sub hac diuisione. ut due partes pertineant ad domum hospitalitatis. tertia uero ad necessaria monachorum. Quatuor quoque pensa casei in Dereforda. Et vj pensa salis in Tirintuna. Quin etiam ligna in Sumeresham & in Bluntesham. sicut melius habuerunt tempore predecessorum meorum. Et super ripam de Bluntesham. una mansura terre cum v acris. ubi colligantur ligna. & cum viii^{to} acris prati. unde pascantur boues. qui ligna attrahunt. Vineæ etiam sue in Ely. sicut habuerunt antequam ad episcopatum uenirem. Et vj piscatores ad piscandum in aquis ubi solebant. cum eorum mansionibus. Extra insulam in Cantebrigesyra. Hauochestuna¹. Nowetuna. Sceldefort. Meldeburna. Meldreda. Suafham. Et xij sceppe frumenti & brasii quas debent heredes Hardwini de Scalariis. In Suthfolc. Bercham. Winestuna. Stocha. Meltuna. Baldreseia. Suthburna. Bricthwella. cum Rixemera. Socha quoque v hundredorum & dimidium. Lachingeia. Vndeieia. Scepeia. Fotestorp ad mandatum monachorum. Et xxx milia allecium de Dunewicho. Concedo eis etiam omnes seruientes suos de omnibus ministeriis suis. ut eos cum suis mansuris libere possideant. Permitto preterea ut habeant & libere possideant uniuersa dona que eisdem ante tempus episcopatus mei. siue tempore meo. data sunt. uel in posterum dabuntur. siue in terris. siue in ecclesiis. siue in decimis. siue in piscariis. siue in denariis. siue in quocunque reddito. quem eis quilibet fidelium hactenus contulerit. siue postmodum collaturus sit². Omnia autem prescripta. insuper & curiam suam ipsis concedo. cum uniuersis libertatibus & consuetudinibus que in terris que mei iuris sunt seruantur. nichil prorsus excipiens. ita ut aliquis posterorum meorum de ipsorum rebus nichil omnino se intromittat. nisi quod eosdem cum omnibus possessionibus suis fideliter & indesinenter protegat & manuteneat. Si quis uero malignitatis spiritu commotus hanc nostram concessionem & donationem infringere. contempnere. uel abicere uoluerit. a deo & ab omnibus sanctis eius sit condempnatus. & a nobis in quantum licet excommunicatus. & a consortio omnium fidelium separatus. nisi respiscat fiat. fiat. amen.

Endorsed: Carta Heruei primi episcopi. (14th century.)

de rebus separatis ad usum monachorum. (15th century.)

SEAL on upper of two strips protruding from left side of document: pointed oval, c. $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; brown. The bishop standing, full length, his right hand raised in benediction, a pastoral staff in his left; . . . GIL ELIEN Now detached, but two torn places on left of charter indicate a similar format to No. 415 above. Riband torn off at bottom. BM 1490

See note to No. 415.

¹ *Hauechestuna* BS.

² omitted BS.

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ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 45 E 36.

BS FACSIMILE.

Notification by Hugh de Audelegh', knight, that Humphrey de Waleden has fully accounted for the whole time that he had the custody of the manor of Horseheath, Cambs. (*Horseth*), at farm and that neither Hugh nor his heirs nor anyone in his name can ever claim anything more. Sealing clause. London: 10 Oct. 1305.

No ancient endorsement.

SEAL on strip cut to middle of document, riband¹ below cut to c. an inch from left-hand side of document: round, 1 in.; red. Shield of arms, fretty a label of three points; S . hVGONIS D'AVDELEGE BM 7019

In 1302-3 Hugh de Audeleye held half a fee in Horseheath of the king (*FA* i. 145).

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Charter of Adam de Somery giving to Ailward son of Adam of Stapleford 5 acres of land, less one rood, in the village of Shenley, Herts. (Early Hen. III)

ORIGINAL: Harl. Chart. 5698.

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Adam de Sumeri dedi et concessi . et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Ailward' filio Ade de Stapelford quinque acras terre excepta una roda in villa de Senle . que jacent juxta iter quod vocatur Hunteneweie . cuius terre latitudo se extendit usque ad dominicum meum. Habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis . sibi et heredibus suis . hereditarie . libere . et quiete. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi vel heredibus meis quadraginta et quinque denarios . ad quatuor terminos anni . scilicet ad Nathale domini . ad Pascha . ad natiuitatem sancti Johannis . ad festum sancti Michaelis . ad quemlibet terminum undecim denarios . et unum quadrantem pro omnibus seruiciis . consuetudinibus . exactionibus . et querelis . ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinentibus . saluo seruicio domini regis quantum pertinet ad tantam terram. Et ego predictus Adam et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictam terram cum suis pertinentiis predicto Ailward' et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas per predictum seruicium in perpetuum. Pro hac autem donacione . et concessione . et huius carte mee confirmacione et warrantizacione mei et heredum meorum . sibi et heredibus suis dedit mihi predictus Ailwardus septem solidos esterlingorum . et Emme uxori mee sex denarios in gersummam. Hiis testibus . Thoma de Waus . Johanne filio suo . Waltero de Faleise . Johanne filio suo . Nigello filio presbiteri . Gregorio de Wrobeleie . Simone de Ashunte . Willelmo de Hameleburn' . Alano de Saldeburn'² . et multis aliis.

No early endorsement.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; green. Shield of arms, an eagle displayed; ✠ SIGILLVM ADE . SVMERI 〰 BM 13777

¹ Not shown BS.

² *Salddeburn'* BS.

For the different branches of the Somery family in Shenley see note to No. 79 above. Ailward afterwards conveyed these lands to Saer son of Henry by a charter in which the road in question is called 'Huntedonewe' (PRO Ancient Deed A 5138); he was dead in Feb. 1247, when his widow Thephane released her rights of dower to Saer son of Henry (Ancient Deed A 5144). This charter seems on the whole to be somewhat later than No. 79.

EX CARTIS IN BIBLIOTHECA COTTONIANA

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Charter of Stephen count of Boulogne and Mortain, giving to Savigny abbey his forest of Furness, Walney with the hunting there, Dalton in Furness, all his demesne within Furness, Ulverston, Roger Bristoald with his possessions, his fishery at Lancaster, Warin the little with all his land, and all within Furness except the land of Michael the Fleming. 1127 (after 31 Aug.)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* v. 247, from Charter Roll;¹ Farrer, *Lancashire Pipe Rolls and Early Charters*, 301, from the coucher; *Coucher Book of Furness Abbey*, 122. Mentioned: *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, *Ric. II*, vi. 249; *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, v. 444.

‡ In nomine patris ; et filii ; et spiritus sancti ; et in honore sancte Marie matris ; domini ; nostri ; Jesu ; Cristi ; Amen ; Ego² Stesphanus³ comes Bolonii & Moretonii providens & in deo consulens saluti anime mee & uxoris mee Matildis comitis . & pro anima domini mei & auunculi Henrici regis Anglorum & ducis Normannorum . & pro animabus omnium fidelium tam pro uiuis quam pro solutis debitum mortis anno ab incarnatione domini nostri M^oC^oxxvij indictione quinta . epacta xvij eui metas cotidie etiam uidens ad occasum ruere . pompas omnes labentis huius seculi & flores . roseasque uernantium regum . imperatorum . ducum . & omnium locupletum coronas & palmas marcescere . & omnium concreta simul in unum redigere . et ad mortem prepeti cursu cuncta properare / reddo . dono . & concedo deo omnipotenti & sancte Trinitati de Sauigneio et abbati illius loci totam forestam meam de Fudernesio . & Wageneiam cum omni uenatione que in eis est & Daltonam et omnium dominium meum infra Fudernesium cum hominibus & omnibus ei pertinentibus . uidelicet in bosco . et in plano . in terra et in aquis . et Oluestonam . et Rogerum Bristoaldum cum suis . et piscariam meam de Loncastra . et Guarinum paruum cum omni terra sua . et socum . et sacum . et tollum . et tem et infangeneteof . et quicquid infra Fudernesium continetur . preter terram Michaelis Flamengi . eo nimirum intuitu pariter et tenore . quatinus per dispositionem et preceptum abbatis Sauigneiensis monasterii . in loco predicto . ordo monasticus ac regularis per diuinam gratiam teneatur . Quam donationem ita solutam et ab omni calumpnia omnium mortalium

¹ The witnesses are those of a confirming charter of Henry I; see Farrer, *op. cit.* 303-4.

² Each word is written in capitals to this point.

³ *Sic.*

quietam . et liberam dono . sicut oblationem deo in odorem suauitatis . et sicut sacrificium nostrum quod offerimus . saltem uespertinum Signum Stephani comitis † Bolonii . et Moretonii † Hugonis Campuauene . † Roberti Greslati + Oismelini de Argentomaco . + Gaufridi . Buchel . + Rogerii fili¹ Ricardi . + Roberti de Arches.

SEAL on cord: round, $2\frac{7}{16}$ in.; red; perfect. Obv. only, equestrian, pointed helmet, face shown, surcoat, lance with pennon, shield showing inner side; : SIGILLUM[M] STEPHANI COMITIS BOLONII ET MORITONII

This charter, the foundation charter of Furness abbey, is in facsimile throughout and appears to have been a very beautiful document. It is curious that in the coucher an additional witness, 'Roberto de Saccavile', appears between the last two names in the list. In view of the extreme care and accuracy of the man who made the facsimile in BS it is difficult to accept the conclusion that in this charter, done apparently with particular precision, a witness can have been omitted. The year of grace and the indiction agree but the epact is that of 1128. It seems an example of the epact being changed not on 1 Jan. but on the previous 1 Sept. (Giry, *Manuel de Diplomatique*, 151). It follows that this charter must be later than 31 Aug. 1127. For a commentary on the charter see Farrer, loc. cit.

424

Charter of Queen Maud, wife of King Stephen, delivering to Holy Trinity priory, London, the guardianship of Saint Katherine's hospital by the Tower and granting a mill by the Tower for its maintenance. She also confirms to the hospital a yearly rent of £20 from Queenhithe, London. Hedingham (1-3 May 1152)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xvi. 35, damaged by fire. Words in square brackets supplied from BS.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Ducarel, *History of the Hospital of St. Katherine*, App. xviii, 100 (in J. Nichols, *Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*, ii) from the register of Holy Trinity priory, f. 172 v.

.M. dei gracia regina Angl' . episcopo Lond' . et toto clero . et omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie salutem. Sciatis me tradidisse hospitale meum iuxta Turrim Lund' concessu domini mei regis Stephani . ecclesie sancte Trinitatis Lond' . et priori . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus in custodiam perpetuam . et volo ut illud ponant ubi oportuni¹us eis uisum fuerit. Concessi [etiam] ad ipsum hospitale manutenendum . molendinum iuxta Turrim Lond' . et totam terram ad ipsum molendinum pertinentem. Et predicta ecclesia sancte Trinitatis tenebit in ipso hospitali in perpetuum xij pauperes pro salute anime domini mei² regis Stephani . et mee . necnon et pro salute filiorum nostrorum Eustachii . et Willelmi . et omnium nostrorum. Concessi [etiam] eidem hospitali in custodia predictae ecclesie sancte Trinitatis xx libras singulis annis de redditu de Edredeshytha in perpetuam elemosinam . domino meo rege Stephano id ipsum annuente. Testibus . Henrico de Essexie constabulario regis . Ricardo de Chamuill' . Warnero de Lysor' . A. cancellario . Thoma capellano . Ricardo de Monteacuto. Apud Haingeham.

Endorsed: . . . Hospital'. (12th century.)

. . . . hospitali xx libri de He (13th century.)

¹ Sic.

² Interlined.

SEAL placed transversely on tag: pointed oval, c. $3\frac{3}{4} \times 2$ in.; brown; chipped on dexter side. The queen standing crowned in mantle and gown, a fleur-de-lis sceptre in her right hand and a bird on her left; **MATILDIS DEI GRATIA** Slit only for seal tag now visible on original charter.

This charter is immediately preceded in the Holy Trinity register (Ducarel, loc. cit.) by one of King Stephen also dated at Hedingham, which confirms it and is witnessed by Eustace the king's son, Henry of Essex, Richard de Lucy, and Warner de Lisors. Queen Maud, the foundress of St. Katherine's hospital, died at Hedingham, Ess., the *caput* of the Vere honor, on 3 May 1152 (*Robert de Torigny*, 166); a passage from the Holy Trinity register printed by Hearne in his notes on William of Newburgh (iii. 705-6) says that three days before her death Ralf prior of Holy Trinity arrived at Hedingham specially commissioned by the archbishop to administer the last sacraments, 'cujus consilio eadem regina multas fecit elemosinas'. In view of this and of the king's presence at Hedingham it would seem that the charter may safely be ascribed to the queen's death-bed. Robert de Gant, who succeeded Philip de Harcourt as chancellor in 1140-1, was still chancellor at this time, since he witnesses, as such, a charter of the king which, being also witnessed by Hugh du Puiset as bishop of Durham, must be of the year 1154. The witness 'A. cancellarius' was therefore the queen's chancellor; he is otherwise unknown. A charter in the Holy Trinity register shows William of Ypres to have been the original donor of the rent in Queenhithe here confirmed.

425

Charter of Alice, countess of Northampton, daughter of Gilbert earl of Lincoln, confirming to Kirkstead abbey the gift of Ralf son of Gilbert of land in Scampton, Lincs., namely all the demesne and 16 bovates; for this confirmation she received ten gold coins from the monks. (1156-67)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xvi. 37.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Stenton, *Danelaw Charters*, No. 205.

SEAL placed transversely on tag: pointed oval, c. $2\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Chevronny **ÆELICIE** **COMITIS GILLEBERT** See No. 88.

426

Charter of Queen Maud, confirming to Holy Trinity priory, London, the gift of Hubert her chamberlain of four 'libratae' of land in the manor of Braughing, Herts., part of the sixteen 'libratae' which the king gave him in exchange for his land of Bendysh, in Radwinter, Ess. (1140-7)

BS FACSIMILE.

M. dei gracia regina Angl' . episcopo Lund' . et Justic' . et vicecomiti . et baronibus . et ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Hertfordsc' salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Hubertus camerarius meus fecit ecclesie sancte Trinitatis Lund' . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus . de iiij^{or} libratibus terre in manerio de Braching . de illis xvj librato¹ terre scilicet quas rex dedit eidem Huberto in escambium pro terra sua de Benedis. Et si contigerit quod rex alibi det

¹ Sic.

ei escambium de predictis xvj libratis terre ⁊ in eodem escambio habeant canonici prefati suas iiij^{or} libratas terre. *Testibus* . Eustachio filio regis . et Willelmo de Ipra . et Ricardo de Luci.

Fragment of SEAL on strip, same as to No. 424.

The queen's confirmation was necessary because both Braughing and Bendysh were held of the honor of Boulogne, of which she was the heiress (*Fees*, 237-8). Being attested by both William of Ypres and Richard de Lucy, this charter can hardly be earlier than 1140 (Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 45, 49); on the other hand, it seems to be covered by the terms of the confirmation of Eugenius III dated 26 Oct. 1147 (*Mon.* vi. 154). For other charters of the queen and Hubert the chamberlain see *Mon.* vi. 152-3.

427

Charter of Louis IX king of France confirming the charter of Louis VII king of France, his great-grandfather, to the monks of Christchurch, Canterbury, of 100 measures of wine and free passage for the monks' food and drink, and adding for his part free passage for all things for the use of the monks. Amiens: Jan. 1263.

ORIGINALS: Cott. Chart. xvi. 47, injured by fire and with no seal; Add. Chart. 16355.

BS FACSIMILE.

Ludouicus dei gratia Franc' Rex notum facimus uniuersis tam presentibus quam futuris quod cum bone memorie Ludouicus Rex Franc' pater inclite recordacionis Regis Philippi karissimi aui nostri olim intuitu beatissimi Thome martyris quondam Cantuariensis archiepiscopi conuentui monachorum in ecclesia ipsius beati Thome martyris deo seruientium centum modios vini ad mensuram Parisiensem singulis annis tempore vindemiarum in castellaria Pissiacci accipiendos in elemosinam concesserit ac eisdem indulserit ut de predictis centum modiis vini et de omnibus que ad esum et potum suum pertinere sacramento unius seruientis de mandato alicuius monachi de eodem conuentu probari poterunt in omnibus passagiis suis quantum ad ipsum attinebat essent omnino liberi et immunes. Et postmodum idem karissimus auus noster Philippus rex Franc' concessionem huiusmodi confirmauerit et nos etiam post predictum auum nostrum donaciones et concessiones predictas voluerimus et concesserimus prout in litteris nostris super hoc confectis uidimus contineri ⁊ nos uolentes eidem conuentui ob reuerentiam predicti martyris facere super hiis gratiam ampliorem ⁊ concedimus eisdem ut de predictis centum modiis vini et de omnibus que ad usum suum pertinere sacramento unius seruientis de mandato alicuius de eodem conuentu monachi ad hoc ab eodem conuentu deputati probari poterunt in omnibus passagiis nostris quantum ad nos attinet sint omnino liberi et immunes. Hanc autem cartam propter casus fortuitos fecimus duplicari. Quod ut ratum et stabile permaneat in futurum presentes litteras sigilli nostri fecimus impressione muniri. Actum Ambian' anno domini m^o cc^o sexagesimo tercio . mense Januario.

Endorsed: Carta Ludouici Regis Francorum none de centum modiis vini . et omnibus aliis ad usum conuentus pertinentibus. (*Contemporary.*)

SEAL on green and red silk strings: round, $3\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green; perfect. The king crowned, seated on a throne ending with the heads and fore-legs of two lions, holding a fleur-de-lis with bar in his right hand and a sceptre with fleuron head in his left; **LVDOVICVS DE (sic) GRA FRANCORVM . REX**

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, $1\frac{9}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green. A fleur-de-lis with bar.

Cf. BM 18080-1

Add. Chart. 15480 is the charter in perfect condition of Philip II dated in the year 1180 in the first year of his reign confirming to the monks of Holy Trinity, Canterbury, his father's gift of 100 measures of wine.

428

Charter of Harald, king of Man and the Isles, giving to Furness abbey mining rights within his dominions and a messuage containing three acres of land at Bakenaldwath to make a burgage; and also freedom from toll. Sandscale: 1 May 1246

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Oliver, *Monumenta de Insula Manniae*, Manx. Soc. vii. 79, ostensibly from the original in the BM, in fact from BS.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum uisuris uel audituris Haraldus dei gracia rex Mannie et Insularum . salutem in domino. Quoniam teste Salomone risus dolore miscebitur et extrema gaudii luctus occupabit . ut saluti mee consulam et bonorum retributorem propiciam domini habeam / concedo . dono . et hac presenti carta mea confirmo . pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et beate Marie . de Furnes' . et abbati et monachis . ibidem deo seruientibus usum cuiuslibet generis mineriarum que inueniri poterunt infra totam terram meam subter terram uel supra . cum libero transitu ubique per totam terram meam sine impedimento mei uel heredum meorum seu hominum meorum ad faciendum inde omnimodum commodum suum pro libito suo sicut melius sibi uiderint expedire. Dedi insuper eisdem monachis tam ad homines suos receptandos quam ad mineriam et cetera sua bona reponenda . unum mesuagium in se continens tres acras terre in loco competenti apud Bakenaldwath . ad burgagium faciendum. Tenendum et habendum . libere et quiete . integre et plenarie cum omnibus pertinenciis sine omni seculari seruicio exactione et demanda. Et si aliquid emerint uel uendiderint in tota terra mea immunes erunt a tolneo et omni alia consuetudine. Ego uero dictus Haraldus . et heredes mei omnia predicta dictis abbati et conuentui de Furnes' contra omnes homines warrantizabimus . acquietabimus . et defendemus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Actum anno gracie millesimo . ducentesimo . quadagesimo . sexto . apud Furnes' . die Apostolorum Philippi . et Jacobi. Testibus . domino Yuor' de Mann' . magistro Thoma de Mann' . magistro Mauricio clerico domini regis de Mann' . Rogero de Stokes Simone de Boyuill et aliis qui interfuerunt. Datum apud Sandscale' . anno regni nostri tercio in predicto festo apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi . domino Willelmo de Midelton' tunc abbate dilecto patre nostro existente.

Fragments of SEAL on tag; green. *Obv.*: a lion passant. *Rev.*: a ship. See the note below.

The transcripts of this charter and of No. 432 printed in *Manx Soc.* vii, as also the coloured engravings of their seals which form the frontispiece of vol. v, profess to have been taken from the original charters in the British Museum. The editor Mr. Oswald writes (v. 8) that Dr. Oliver 'has been so fortunate as to discover two others' (i.e. these two charters) 'among the Cottonian Manuscripts in the British Museum, fast hastening to decay'.¹ A comparison of the engravings of the seals in vol. v with the drawings of them in BS yields an illuminating result. The drawings in BS show the seals in a very fragmentary condition, large portions of the circumference being broken away; the engravings show the seals after the lapse of more than two centuries in exactly the same condition to a hair's breadth. The matter, however, does not rest there; in the BS drawing of the seal to No. 428 two long ends of the parchment tag are shown protruding below the seal and these display an elaborate series of twists and curls; all this is reproduced with the most meticulous accuracy in the engraving. Even if the drawing faithfully represented the condition of the tag in 1641 it is incredible that it should be the same in 1860, the date of the engraving. When it is added that there is no trace of these charters in the British Museum at the present day the conclusion is irresistible that they were destroyed by the Cottonian fire and that the engravings, and therefore also the printed transcripts, were taken from BS, which, therefore, was used shortly before 1860.²

Sandscale where the charter passed lies on the coast a mile and a half north of Furness where the gift was made. Gift and execution clearly took place on the same day, but there is a discrepancy between the year of grace and the regnal year which raises a difficulty. According to the *Chronica Regum Manniae et Insularum* (ed. Munch, 20-3). Harald succeeded his father Olaf in 1237, being then fourteen years old. He refused to do homage to his overlord the king of Norway, who in 1238 expelled and deposed him. In 1239 he went to Norway, where he stayed two years and more, and ultimately finding favour with the king of Norway was restored to his kingdom in 1242. He died in May 1249, being drowned on his way back from Norway. The regnal year in this charter must be reckoned from his restoration which was no doubt the beginning of his effectual reign, but even so his third year reckoned from 1242 would have ended some time in 1245. In the absence, however, of any clear knowledge as to how Harald reckoned his regnal years it seems safe to adopt the date of the year of grace. It is tempting to identify the first witness with the 'Yvarus miles' who killed Reginald, Harald's brother and successor, after a reign of but a few weeks (*Chronica*, 24).

There is no copy of this charter in the Coucher Book of Furness abbey.

429

Charter of William brother of King Henry II giving to Reiner son of Berenger all the land of dres except that which Golce the vintner holds: when the donor shall have made his gift up to twenty 'libratae' he will take Reiner's homage. (Dec. 1154-Jan. 1164)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xvi. 26, badly damaged by fire and almost illegible.

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus frater H. regis Angl' omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Raignero filio Bereng' totam terram dres quicunque illam teneat . sic aliquis predecessorum meorum liberius

¹ It is, perhaps, not without significance that in both volumes the reference given by the Manx writers is the studiously vague one, 'Cottonian MSS'.

² See Introduction.

et honorificentius tenuit excep quam Golce uinitarius tenet . in feudo et hereditate tenendam de me et heredibus meis et su nis et cum perfecerim ei xx libratas terre cum ista terra . tunc recipiam homagium suum. Testibus Gaufrido de de fil' . et Godefrido filio Bauini Roberto Mantel . Nicholao clerico et Michale clerico;

SEAL¹ placed upside down on strip, riband below: round, c. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. when perfect; top broken away; uncoloured. Equestrian, sword, trappings charged with lions rampant; no legend. Strip only remains on charter.

For William 'Longsword', the brother of Henry II, see Delisle, *Recueil des actes de Henri II*, Introduction, 487-90; Stenton, *Early Northamptonshire Charters*, 24-6; and Douglas, *Feudal Documents*, 170. For the grantee and his family, who were prominent London citizens, see Page, *London*, 244-8; two charters in favour of his son Richard are printed above, Nos. 82 and 158. The limits of date are supplied by the coronation of Henry II and William's death on 30 Jan. 1164.

430

Charter of King Henry I granting to Hervey the bishop the bishopric of Ely with all its lands and possessions. The church of Ely shall have the customs and franchises which it enjoyed in the time of King Edward and as they were deraigned in the time of William I at Kentford before his barons. Holdgate in Shropshire. (1109-16; probably 1114)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. x. 8.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* i. 482; from Cotton MS. Tib. A vi, f. 126 b; Bentham, *History of the Church of Ely*, App., p. 17*; Farrer, *Itinerary of Henry I*, No. 325 (précis).

.H. rex Angl' . archiepiscopis . et episcopis . et abbatibus et comitibus et baronibus et vicecomitibus . et ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis . et Anglis . totius Anglię salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Herueo episcopo episcopatum de Ely cum omnibus terris et possessionibus ad eundem episcopatum pertinentibus. Et uolo et precipio ut prefata ecclesia Elyensis habeat honorifice et libere . et quiete omnes consuetudines suas infra burgum et extra in terra et in aqua . et in paludibus et in plano . et in bosco . uidelicet socam et saccam . et toll . et tem . et infangeneteof . et hamsocna . et gritbrice . et fithwite . et ferdwite et omnes alias forisfacturas emendabiles sicut melius habuit die quo Eadwardus rex uiuus et mortuus fuit . et sicut disrationatum fuit in tempore patris mei . apud . Chenetefort . coram baronibus patris mei . Walchelino episcopo . et Goisfrido . episcopo Constantiensi . et Balduino abbate . Sancti Edmundi . et Iuone Taillebois . et Petro de Valoniis . et testimonio plurium scirarum. Et sciatis quia non sum warant² quod aliquis ponat calumpniam in his predictis con-

¹ Cf. *Early Northamptonshire Charters*, NRS, iv. 24, pl. vi, the full 'Sigillum Willelmi filii Imperatricis'.
for a better example, where the remains of the legend suggest ² Sic.

suetudinibus. *Testibus* . Ranulfo cancellario . et Gisleberto . de Aquila . et Hamone . dapifero . et Willelmo . de Albinaco . et Pagano . Peurell' . et Willelmo Peurello Doure . apud Castrum Helgoti . in Salopescira.

Strip of about 1 in. protrudes from middle of left side of charter and riband cut from bottom to within two in. of left side: no seal. The strip remains in the original charter.

The date must be later than the appointment of Hervey to the see of Ely in 1109. The witness Gilbert de Laigle died in or before 1118, for after his death Nigel de Aubigny repudiated his wife Maud, Gilbert's sister, and then in June 1118 married Gundred, daughter of Gerard de Gournay (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 368-9); the king left England in Apr. 1116 and did not return until 1120. He led an army into Wales in the summer of 1114.

431

Notification by Odo bishop of Bayeux and earl of Kent that he has given to Christchurch, Canterbury, 4 'denns' of land, namely Losenham, Adalardendena, Blacecota, and Acton, in exchange for 25 acres of land enclosed within his park of Wickhambreux.
(1071-82)

ORIGINAL: Cott. Chart. xvi. 31; much damaged by fire. Words in square brackets supplied from BS.
BS FACSIMILE. Plate VIII.

Odo Baiocensis episcopus . Lanfranco archiepiscopo & Hamoni uicecomiti . & omnibus Cantuariensibus regis fidelibus salutem. Notum sit uobis . quod ego O. Baiocensis episcopus . & comes Cantie . nostre matri que in honore sancte Trinitatis constructa est Cantuariensi¹ ecclesie . trado has quatuor dennas terre . uidelicet Lossenhamum . & Adalardendenam . & Blaceco[tam . &] Acdenam . a domno Lanfranco archiepiscopo & omnibus successoribus . eius perpetuo usu possidendas . pro redemptione domini m[ei] Guilelmi regis Anglorum . & mee . & eorum quorum salute specialiter [iniunctum est] michi procurare . & pro exca[mbio xx & v acrarum] terre que [infra parcum] meum [de] Wikeham continentur.

Odo ƿ of Baius . gret Landfranc arceƿ 7 Hæimonem scir gerefan . 7 ealle ƿæs kinges pegenas on Cænt freondlice Si eow eallum cuð . ƿ ic Odo ƿ of Baius . 7 eorl on Cænt ge ann ure moder ƿ is XPes circean on Cantwarebyrig . ƿas fuwer dæne landes ƿ is Losenham . 7 Aðalardæn dæne . 7 Blacecotan 7 Ácdæna . swa ƿ se laford Landfranc arceƿ 7 ealle his æftergængan hi heom ge agnian on ece yrfe. ƿis ic do for mines lafordes alysednesse Willelmes kinges . 7 for minre . 7 for ƿæra manna alysednesse . be ƿæra halu me is sinderlice gymene 7 for gehwyrfe fif 7 twentigra æcera landes: ƿa licgað wiðinnan minum deor falde æt Wiccham.

SEAL on strip, riband above seal strip: oval, c. 3 × 2½ in.; red. *Obv.*: equestrian, coif, sword, kite-shaped shield, horse walking. *Rev.*: the bishop standing, tonsured, holding a fan-headed crozier in his left hand. No legends. Strip only for seal on original charter. A riband a fraction of an inch wide cut off above and as far back as the seal strip.

These 'denns' of land all lie near Tenterden in Kent. Only Losenham and Acton in Wittersham can safely be identified.

¹ *Canturiensi* BS.

432

Notification by Harald, king of Man and the Isles, that he has taken under his protection the ships of the abbot of Furness and the persons both secular and religious and goods therein. (1242-9)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Oliver, *Monumenta de Insula Manniae*, Manx Soc. vii. 77, ostensibly from the original in the British Museum; in fact from BS.¹

. Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum uisuris . vel auditoris . H. dei gracia rex Mannie et Insularum . salutem eternam in domino. Justum est . et omni iuri consentaneum ut piis uotis . et honestis petencium postulacionibus regia auctoritas . facilem prebeat assensum . et precipue sancte religioni annuere quod a iuris tramite non recedit . inde est quod domini abbatis Furn' . et eiusdem loci conuentus piis precibus inclinati . uniuersitati uestre significamus . nos sub firma pace nostra et protectione recipisse naues dicti abbatis . et monachorum . et personas tam seculares quam religiosos . et bona in predictis nauibus contenta ⁊ tanquam bona nostra propria. Rogantes quatinus cum per vos transierint ab omni molestia et grauamine protegatis . scientes quod quicquid eisdem factum fuerit siue in bono siue in malo ⁊ nobis fieri reputabimus . et si a quoquam eis iniuriatum fuit quod absit . tanquam iniuriam nostram propriam digna ulcione uindicabimus. Walete.

Fragments of same seal as to No. 428, rev. shown on tag; red. The ship has an inverted triangle over the rigging.

The limits of date assigned are those of Harald's effective reign, dating from his restoration by the king of Norway, see note to No. 428. There is no copy of this charter in the Coucher Book of Furness abbey.

433

Notification by Nigel de Mowbray addressed to Henry bishop of Winchester that he has given the church of Banstead, Surr., to the priory of St. Mary Overey, Southwark. (circa 1164-71)

BS FACSIMILE.

Uenerabili et dilecto patri et domino . H. Winton' episcopo . Nigellus de Mobrai ⁊ salutem et fidelia seruitia. Notum facio dilecte paternitati uestre me donasse . concessisse . et litteris meis signatis confirmasse quod ad iuris mei aduocationem spectat de ecclesia de Benested' canonicis de Sudwurth' pro dei amore in perpetuam elemosinam . salua gracia uestra. Pro eo misericordiam uestram imploro exorans et petens quatinus et in confirmatione et cetero quod uestrum est illud misericorditer si uobis placuerit suppleatis. Valeat karissima paternitas uestra.

¹ See note to No. 428.

SEAL upside down on tag: round, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Equestrian, chain coif and hauberk, sword, kite-shaped shield with pointed boss; ornamental breast-band and saddle; ✠ SIGILLVM : NIGEL[II] : D[omi]ni MOUBRAY
Cf. BM 6215

Nigel de Mowbray's charter giving the church of Banstead to Southwark priory is printed *Mon.* vi. 171; as it is there preceded by a charter of Tirel de Maneriis also giving the church to Southwark, it was, no doubt, really a confirmation. Nigel obtained Banstead with his wife Mabel whose parentage is unknown (*CP*, 2nd ed. ix. 372). He was the son of Roger de Mowbray by Alice de Gant, widow of Ilbert de Lacy who died in 1141; he could not therefore have been born before 1142. He was present at the Council at Clarendon in Jan. 1164, but his marriage, and consequently the confirmation to Southwark, can hardly have been much earlier. Henry de Blois, bishop of Winchester, to whom this notification is addressed died on 9 Aug. 1171.

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Charter of King Henry II confirming the agreement between Geldwin son of Savaric and Savaric his brother as to the land of Ralf their brother. Salisbury (1156–Aug. 1158)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1358–62, 535; W. H. St. John Hope, *Cowdray and Easebourne Priory*, 13, from the Patent Roll.

H. rex Angl' et dux Norm' . et Aquit' . et comes Andeg' . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . iustic' . vicecomitibus ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie : salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et carta mea confirmasse conuentionem illam que facta fuit inter Geldewinum filium Sauarici et Sauaricum fratrem suum de terra que fuit Radulfi fratris sui videlicet quod Geldewino remaneant ad partem suam . manerium de Esemburna cum Middeherst . et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis . et villa de Rustitona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et porcio sua de Prestebroc sicut ei diuisa fuit . et medietas nemoris de Strodeuica . et feodum Radulfi de Sancto Georgio . de Tratintona . et una dimidia hida terre de Liperings . et feodum Gernagodi de Paling' . et de Horemere et feodum Ricardi de Sancto Georgio . de boscagio inter nouum pontem et Lacneppe . et feodum de Nieuica et de Selescumba . et omnes burgenses quos Sauaricus pater suus habuit in Cicestria . sicut unquam Sauaricus pater suus habuit et tenuit tempore regis H. aui mei . et preterea ille xx librate terre quas Willelmus comes Arundelli dedit Radulfo filio Sauarici fratri suo pro seruicio suo . scilicet feodum Radulfi de Sancto Georgio . de Dedelingis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et feodum Ricardi de Sancto Georgio de Demetford . et terra de manerio de Hertingis et terra de manerio de Burna . quas Willelmus de Caisneto . et Gernagodus et Ricardus Ruffus . et Tomas de Aseuilla tenent . sicut Radulfus filius Sauarici eas melius tenuit die qua fuit uiuus et mortuus. Et hanc conuentionem inter eos factam concedo et confirmo . et uolo quod inter ipsos et ipsorum heredes teneatur . sicut cirographum quod inter se firmauerunt : testatur. Et hanc conuentionem Geldewino tenendam et heredibus suis affidauit Sauaricus frater suus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predictus Geldewinus et heredes sui

omnia tenementa hec predicta cum omnibus pertinentiis suis teneant in pace et libere . et quiete . et integre et honorifice . in bosco et plano . in pratis et pascuis . in feodis militum et mercatis . in viis et semitis . in parcis et molendinis . in stagnis et viuariis in aquis et mariscis . in burgis et villis . et in omnibus locis cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut Sauaricus pater suus melius et liberius tenuit tempore regis H. aui mei . et Radulfus filius Sauarici die qua fuit viuus et mortuus. Testibus . Toma cancellario . et Warino filio Geroldi . et Manassero Biset dapifero et Joscelino de Baillol' et Willelmo filio Hamonis Apud Saresbirias.

Tag only for seal.

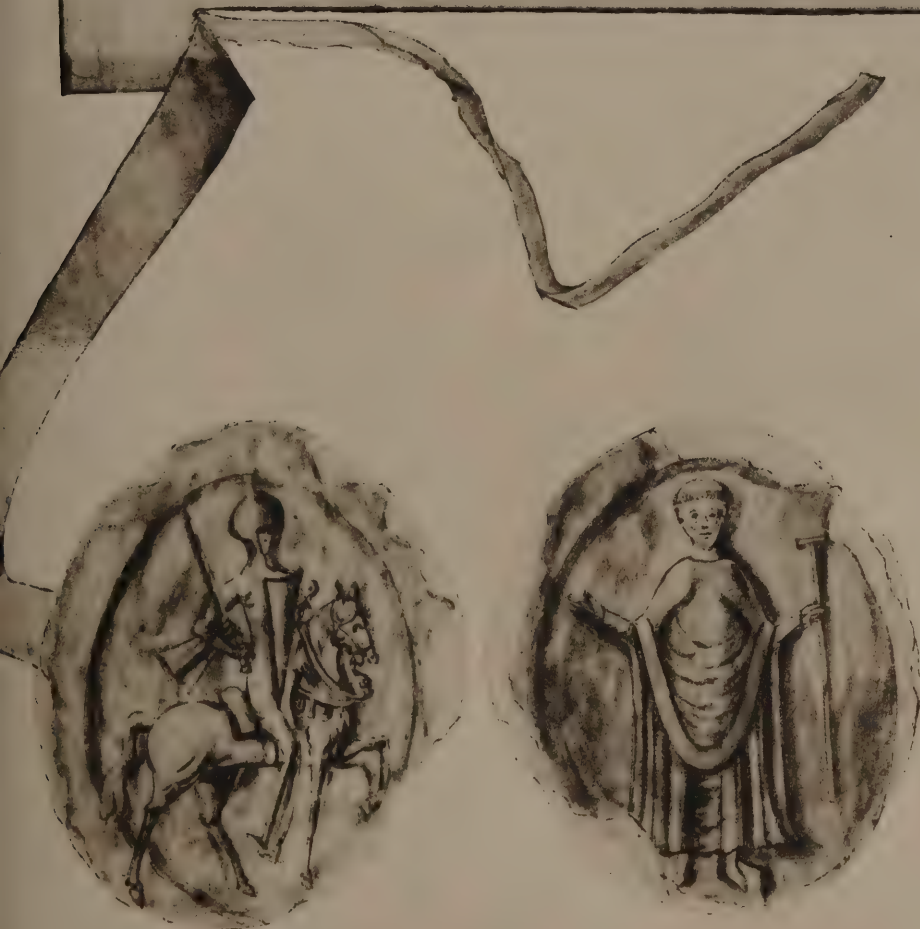
The brothers whose agreement is here confirmed were members of the family afterwards known as Bohun of Midhurst. Humphrey de Bohun, contemporary with the Conqueror, had among his children two sons, Richard and Humphrey, who both left issue. Humphrey was the ancestor in the male line of the Bohun earls of Hereford. Richard, known as Richard de Meri, in 1092 gave his little son Humphrey to be a monk at Marmoutier, of which the priory of Bohon was a cell (*CDF*, No. 1213); to this notification is added a later clause containing a confirmation by Lucy, Richard's wife, and his sons Robert, Henry, and Humphrey and their daughter Hawise. Richard must therefore have married twice, Lucy being his second wife. Humphrey was the monk and the two elder sons must have died without issue, for in the middle of the 12th century Enjuger de Bohun, another son of Richard, in a charter in favour of the family priory of St. George at Bohon, mentions his father Richard de Meri (*ibid.*, No. 1215). Enjuger married Adelise, also mentioned in his charter to Bohon priory. She was a daughter of Stephen count of Aumale (*ibid.* 971). In 1172 Enjuger was holding 7 fees in the Cotentin (*RB* 627), and continuous entries in the Pipe Rolls show that he held Bloxham, Oxon., from 1158 to 1175 when he appears to have died. His brother Alexander (*ibid.* 669) predeceased him. It seems probable that they were sons of the second marriage. On Enjuger's death the male issue of Richard de Meri became extinct.

The lands of Enjuger passed through a sister, daughter of Richard de Meri, to a different family. In a charter which cannot be later than 1108 (*CDF*, No. 669) Savaric, son of Ralf de Beaumont vicomte of Le Mans and his wife Cana, together with his wife Muriel granted the church of Easebourne, Suss., to the abbey of St. Martin at Sééz; it is witnessed by their sons Ralf and Savaric. By a charter which cannot be earlier than 1141 Savaric fitzCana, as he is usually called, and Muriel his wife gave the churches of Marden and Racton, Suss., to Lewes priory (*Suss. Rec. Soc.* xl. 79). The charter mentions their sons Ralf, Savaric, and Geldwin, whose identity with the brothers of the present charter is certain. A charter of Richard I of the year 1190 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1358-62*, 534) shows that on Enjuger's death Bohon and his Norman lands passed to Savaric son of Savaric fitzCana as his heir. His heirship can only have come through his mother Muriel, Enjuger's sister. Savaric son of Savaric fitzCana in his turn died without issue and the Norman lands passed to his nephew Franco son of the Geldwin of the present charter, to whom they as well as the English lands were confirmed by Richard I's charter mentioned above. The Norman lands were lost in 1205, but by the possession of Bohon Franco had become Franco de Bohun, and as the Bohuns of Midhurst his descendants are known to history.

All the places mentioned in the charter are in Sussex. Since Savaric was his brother Ralf's heir, it was only necessary to deal in this confirmation with the lands which were being diverted from the ordinary course of devolution and were going to Geldwin. Savaric's title of heir meant that he needed no confirmation for the lands he retained. There is no information about Savaric's lands, but in 1166 he held 3 knights' fees of the earl of Arundel (*RB* 201). Geldwin's share was a large one, and the case may be compared with the agreement made a few years later in the court of the earl of Derby, by which the succession of two members of the Shirley family was reversed (*Stenton, English Feudalism*, 51). Geldwin married a lady, Estrangia, whose origin and kinship with the emperor are discussed by Mr. A. L. Poole (*Essays . . . presented to R. Lane Poole*, 264-8). Their son Savaric, archdeacon of Northampton and later bishop of Bath, played an important part in international diplomacy.

Odo baiocensis ep̄s. Lanfranco archiep̄o. & Hammoni uicecomiti. & omnib;
cantuariensib; regib; fidelib; salutē. Notum sit uobis. qđ ego O. baiocensis
ep̄s. & comes cantie. nostre matri que in honore scē trinitatis ēstructa
est cantuariensi ecclē. trado has quatuor dennas terre. uidelicet Lossenhamū.
& Adalardendēnā. & Blaccotā. & Acedenā. a dono Lanfranco archiep̄o
& omib. successorib; ei ppetuo usu possidendas. p redēptione domini mei
Guilelmi regis anglorum. & meę. & eorū quorū salute specialit̄ inunctū
est michi pcurare. & p excābio xx & v. acraz terre que infra parcum
meum de Wikeham continentur.

Odo b of bauf. 7 pter Landfranc archeb. 7 hammonē seyr 7c pexan. 7 ealle þes kunges þegenas on cante ppeondlice
Si eor callū ead. ꝥ ic Odo b of bauf. 7 cept on cante. 7c ann ure moden ꝥ is xpes cincean on cantpape byrig.
þas fupen dane landes. ꝥ is losenham. 7 Adalardan dane. 7 blaccotan. 7 de dana. Spa ꝥ se laforð Landfranc
arce b. 7 ealle his æftere sanzan. hi heom 7c agman on ece ypre. þis ic do for inmer laforðes alýsednesse
Guillelmes kunges. 7 for minre. 7 for þeora manna a lyrednesse. be þara hala me is sindenlice gýmene
7 for 7c hýpre fýr 7 epenesna acepa landes; þa ligsad pð innan minū deor falde æt Wicchan.



The date of the present charter can be narrowly fixed. Thomas Becket was chancellor from the beginning of the reign until 1162, but the king left England in Aug. 1158 and did not return until 1163. On the Pipe Roll of 3 Henry II (p. 80), i.e. at Michaelmas 1157, Savaric and Geldwin each owe 100 marks *pro terra sua*. No such entry appears on the previous roll, so that it may be inferred that Ralf did not die before 1156.

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Charter of John count of Mortain confirming to Montacute priory all its lands, franchises, and liberties. Dorchester, Dors.: 3 Sept. 1191—2 Sept. 1192.

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xvi. 43; injured by fire. Words in square brackets supplied from BS.
BS FACSIMILE.

Johannes comes Moret' omnibus hominibus¹ et amicis suis . Francis et Angl' . presentibus et futuris ⁊ salutem. Sciatis me¹ pro amore dei . et salute anime mee . necnon antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse . et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et monasterio beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Monteac' . et monachis Clun' ibidem deo seruientibus omnes terras . redditus . res . et possessiones que eis ab antecessoribus meis regibus uel comitibus . et eorum hominibus . siue aliis fidelibus rationabiliter date fuerint. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio . quod idem monachi teneant omnia tenementa sua bene et in pace . libere et honorifice . plene . et integre . quiete de scire et hundredis . geldis . et scottis . placitis . et querelis . scutagiis . et hidagiis . danegeldis . et assisis . latrociniis . et murdris . et de communi misericordia comitatus . et hundredi . et de opere castellorum et pontium . et parcorum . de summagiis et collectis . de werdpeni . de auerpeni . de hundr'peni . et tedingpeni . et werdstes . et de forfeng . et de omnibus aliis que contingent facienda per Angliam. Et habeant socam et sac . et tol . et them . et infang'thef . et omnes alias libertates . excepta sola iusticia mortis et membrorum. Et habeant ubique liberas consuetudines . et quietancias suas . in bosco . et plano . in pratis . et pascuis . in uiis et semitis . in feriis et mercatis . in aquis . et molendinis . in stagnis . et viuariis . et piscariis . infra burgum et extra . et in omnibus locis . et in omnibus rebus ⁊ quia ipsi et omnes res sue manu et custodia mea sunt . sicut elemosina [mea] et sicut proprium dominicum meum. Testibus . Ingelr' de Pratell' . Theobaldo Walteri . Radulfo de Hamarz . Willelmo de [Monte]acuto . Roberto Belet' . Waltero de Cantel' Fulcone fratre suo . et multis aliis . Anno domini regis Ricardi tercio apud Dorcestriam.

No endorsement.

Tag only for seal. Slit only for tag on original charter.

Montacute priory, Som., was founded by William count of Mortain about the year 1100; hence the description of the grantor's predecessors as 'kings or counts'.

¹ Interlined in original and in BS.

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Charter of Malcolm king of Scotland giving to the monks of Warden abbey, Beds., all Sawtry, Hunts., as his grandfather King David held it, and as Henry king of England restored it to him with his other rights in the honor of Huntingdon. Roxburgh (1157-9)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xv. 21.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon. v. 523, ex autogr. in bibl. Cottoniana.*

M. rex Scotie episcopis abbatibus . justiciis . comitibus . uicecomitibus . baronibus . ministris . et omnibus probis hominibus totius regni sui et honoris de Huntedune clericis et laicis . salutem. Sciant tam posteri quam presentes me dedisse et concessisse . et per hanc meam cartam confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et monachis ordinis Cistercii qui sunt de domo de Sartis . in perpetuam elemosinam ad abbatiam construendam pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum totam Saltreiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco & in plano . in pratis et aquis . et pasturis et mariscis . et omnibus aliis rebus . sicut eam tenuit bone memorie Dauid rex auus meus . et sicut eam michi reddidit Henricus rex Anglie cum aliis rectis meis de Huntedune. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio ut predicti monachi eam habeant et teneant de me et de hereditibus meis sicut meam propriam elemosinam bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete . et libere . ab omni exactione temporali et seruitio sicut alii monachi eiusdem ordinis in regno meo elemosinas suas liberius et quietius habent et tenent. His testibus Herberto episcopo Glasc' . Waldeuo abbate Malros . Ernaldo abbate Ruchesb' . Osberto abbate de Jeddewrd' . Waltero cancellario . Adam capellano de Rochesb' . Nicholao clerico . Willelmo fratre meo . Waltero filio Alani . Ricardo de Moreuilla . Rand' . de Sulis . Willelmo de Moreuilla . Willelmo de Sumeruilla . Liolfo filio Maccus . Ormo filio Eilau . Dauid Olifard . Roberto Freb' . Dauid de Boeuilla . H. de Perci . apud Rochesburd' ;

Endorsed: Confirmacio M. regis Scotie de abbacia. (*Contemporary.*)

Sketch of cord only for seal in BS. Slits only for cord on original.

Sawtry abbey was founded in 1146 or 1147 by Simon de Senlis II, earl of Huntingdon, who established there monks from Warden abbey, Beds. (*de Sartis*). Though in form a gift, the present charter is really a confirmation by which Malcolm ratified the foundation by the rival line of the Senlis earls. Malcolm obtained the earldom from Henry II in 1157 (*CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 644); the witness Waltheof abbot of Melrose died 3 Aug. 1159 (*Chron. de Mailros*, Bannatyne Club, 76).

437

Letters patent of Richard king of the Romans quitclaiming Philip Basset for life of all suit of court at Wallingford. London: 26 Nov. 1262

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus dei gracia Romanorum rex semper Augustus . omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem . et omne bonum. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos remisisse

et quietum clamasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris dilecto fideli nostro Philippo Basset toto tempore vite sue omnem sectam quam idem Philippus nobis facere tenebatur ad curiam nostram de Walingford ratione terrarum et tenementorum que de nobis tenet in honore de Walingford'. ita quod post decessum ipsius Philippi heredes sui sectam ad predictam curiam nostram de Walingford plenarie faciant sicut predictus Philippus et antecessores sui ipsam sectam facere consueuerunt ante istam concessionem. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras eidem Philippo fideli nostro fieri fecimus patentes. Hiis testibus Jacobo de Alditheleg' Roberto Walerand' Willelmo de Insula Ricardo de Amondeuill'. Huberto de Rully. Roberto le chaumberleing. Ricardo de Rully et aliis. Datum London' xxvi die Nouembris. indictione sexta regni nostri anno quinto.

SEAL¹ on plaited cord: round, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. The king crowned, seated on an elaborately carved throne, a sceptre in his right hand and an orb surmounted by a cross in his left; [☉ RICARDJUS : DEI : GRATIA : ROMANORVM : REX : SEMPER : AVGVSTVS

Richard earl of Cornwall was elected king of the Romans on 13 Jan. 1257 and crowned at Aachen on 17 May. When he went to Germany in 1257 he left Fulk Basset, bishop of London, and his brother Philip Basset in charge of his English affairs. Philip Basset inherited Wycombe, Bucks., when Fulk Basset died in 1259. This made him the most important of Richard's tenants in the honor of Wallingford. Philip played a prominent part in the politics of his day, being justiciar 1261-3; for his life see *DNB*. The indiction date in this document is erroneous; the sixth indiction was 1263. The indiction was used in dating imperial documents, but an English clerk might easily fall into error.

438

Charter of Simon de Senlis, brother of Earl Simon, giving to Delapré abbey, Northampton, a meadow in Conington, Hunts., called 'Huthere Lidehalch' for the light of the church. (1174-84)

ORIGINAL: Cotton Chart. xi. 17.

BS FACSIMILE.

Symon de Sancto Licio frater comitis Symonis uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et sancte Marie de Prato Norhantone et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et anime patris mei et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro anima Symonis nepotis mei unum pratum in Cunitona quod uocatur Huthere Lidehalch in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ad luminare eiusdem ecclesie; His testibus. Cometissa² Adelyz de Gaund. Ricardo de Pec'. Arneis de Nefvilla. Willelmo filius² Hugonis. Andrea de Muschant. Roberto capellano. Toma de Bartona. Pagano hostiario. Toma le butiller.

Endorsed: Simon de Sancto Licio. (late 13th century.)

Conyinton de quodam prato. (14th century.)

a.

¹ Cf. BM 21158, with a more detailed description.

² Sic.

SEAL on tag: central portion only; uncoloured. A floral device. Tag only for seal now remains on original charter.

The donor, who held Conington of his brother's honor of Huntingdon, was an illegitimate son of Simon de Senlis II, earl of Northampton; see *BHRS* ix. 181. In the cartulary of St. Andrew's priory, Northampton (Cott. MS. Vesp. E xvii, f. 9), is a charter of Earl Simon III giving to the priory the church of Whissendine, Rut., on the day of the burial of his son Simon. Since Whissendine was a member of the honor of Huntingdon the death must have been after Earl Simon obtained the honor in 1174. The present charter must be earlier than the death in 1184 of Earl Simon, since he confirmed the gift (*Mon.* v. 212).

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Charter of Simon de Senlis III, earl of Northampton, giving to Robert of Haversham, Bucks., the land which William son of Hugh held in Lilford, Northants. (1174-84)

BS FACSIMILE.

Comes Symon omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis quod dedi et concessi et hac mea karta confirmaui Roberto de Hauresham totam terram quam Willelmus filius Hugonis tenuit in Lileford illi et heredibus suis tenendam de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et honorifice in feodo et hereditate in bosco et plano . in pratis et in pasturis in aquis et stagnis et molendinis . in uilla et extra uillam et in omnibus locis faciendo seruicium dimidii militis. Et si contigerit quod illi uel heredibus suis predictam terram warantizare non potero ⁊ dabo illi excambium decem libratas terre de dominio meo uel de excaata per seruicium pre-nominatum . et si de excááta dederó illi excambium ad gratum suum ⁊ terra quam prius illi dederó de dominio meo libera mihi remanebit. Hiis testibus . Symone fratre meo . Juliano capellano Rogero filio Hugonis . Philippo de Stan' . Ernisio de Nouil' . Willelmo de Rikespald' . Andrea de Muscamp . Petro de Stan' . Iuone de Barcwrth' . Willelmo filio Hugonis . Roberto de Well' . Galfrido Baard . Symone filio comitis . Roberto de Rosel . Pagano hostiario . Waltero clerico de Fulkingham.

SEAL¹: central portion only; uncoloured. Equestrian, surcoat, horse walking.

Lilford was a member of the honor of Huntingdon, and the date of this charter therefore falls between 1174 when Earl Simon obtained the honor and his death in 1184, but since it is witnessed by Simon the earl's son who predeceased him (see No. 438) it appears to be earlier than 1184. Both before and after the period 1174-84 the family of Olifard were holding Lilford (*HKF* ii. 354-5). Since they were adherents of the Scottish kings (Round, *Feudal England*, 223) the then Olifard tenant may have been disseised when William the Lion was deprived of the honor in 1174. The elaborate provisions for an exchange in case the donor should be unable to warrant the gift are probably due to the existence of a possible Olifard claimant.

¹ Cf. No. 349 above.

EX AUTHOGRAPHO IN BIBLIOTHECA ARUNDELIANA

440

Letter of Pope Constantine to Archbishop Brithwald, concerning the vision of bishop Ecgwine, the holding of a council near the spot, and the consecration of the monastery. 709

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Birch, *Cartularium Saxonicum*, i. 126, with variant readings from surviving texts; *Mon.* ii. 14 'from the autograph copy in the Arundel Library'. Birch quotes 'Sir Frederick Madden's collation of D (i.e. *Mon.* ii. 14) with a MS. copy (1640) in Lord Winchelsea's possession'. There can be no doubt that Dodsworth or Dugdale took a copy of this document when BS was being made, and that Sir Frederick Madden saw BS and collated the *Monasticon* copy with it.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 17 words. French.

Letters patent of William earl of Arundel, Lord Mautravers, appointing Robert Englefeld seneschal of his demesne of Oswestry in the march of Wales; to execute the said office by himself or his sufficient deputy, for whom he shall be responsible, for the term of the life of the said Robert; giving him authority to hold his courts and to do all else pertaining to that office. He is to receive the accustomed fees yearly in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter at the hands of the earl's receiver. All the earl's officers, ministers, and tenants in those parts are to assist, counsel, &c., Robert in his execution of the said office. Sealing clause. London: 6 May 1439.

SEAL on strip cut half-way across document, riband below cut to about an inch from left side of document: round, $2\frac{5}{8}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, a lion rampant [FITZALAN]; 2 and 3, a fret [MAUTRAVERS]; above a helmet crest, issuing from a coronet a griffin's head between wings; on either side of the helmet a horse rampant as supporters; beaded borders to legend; *Sigillū : Willi : arundell : comitis : arundell : domini : de mautrauers :*

COUNTERSEAL: round, $\frac{13}{16}$ in.; red. An animal, perhaps a horse, galloping to dexter in front of a tree.

For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. i. 248.

EX ARMARIO CARTARUM PRENOBILIS DOMINI GEORGII
COMITIS RUTLAND APUD BELUOIR

442

*Charter of King Stephen confirming to Belvoir priory the gift which Ursel de Crasmesnil made on his death-bed of two 'marcatae' of land in Denton, Lincs.
(1140-54)*

BS FACSIMILE.

S. rex Angl' . episcopo Linc' . justic' . vicecomiti . baronibus . ministris . et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Lincoliesc' : salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo

illam donationem quam Vrsellus de Crasmeisnil fecit deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Bellouidere et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in obitu suo de ij marcatis terre in Dentona . quas viij homines tenent in eadem villa simul cum alio seruicio suo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant et in perpetuum possideant hec prefata ⁊ bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete . sicut Vrsellus illas eis in obitu suo coram . probis et legalibus hominibus ⁊ dedit et diuisit . et carta sua confirmauit. Et monachi nemini inde intendant . nisi mihi ⁊ sicut de elemosina mea dominica. Testibus . Roberto cancellario . et Willelmo de Ipra . et Ricardo de Luci . et Ricardo de Canuill'. Apud Linc'.

SEAL¹ on strip: the second Great Seal of Stephen, obv. and rev.; brown; broken at top and sides.

The original charter of Ursel de Crasmesnil together with one of his son Luke confirming it are at Belvoir and are printed in full in *Hist. MSS. Com., Rutland Report*, iv. 98–9: the original of this charter is not mentioned in the report as now at Belvoir; it is, however, entered in the cartulary (ibid. 133) together with the two Crasmesnil charters, which are followed by charters of William, chamberlain of Tancarville, and his son Ralf confirming the gift as overlords. This tenure under Tancarville shows the family to have come from St-Vincent-Craménil about 4½ miles west of Tancarville, Seine-Infér., an identification which is supported by the fact that in the reign of Henry I a Walter de Crasmesnil gave a rent in England to the Tancarville foundation of St. Georges de Boscherville (*CDF*, No. 197). The occurrence of Robert de Gant as chancellor fixes the date between his appointment, probably in 1140, and the death of the king; see notes to Nos. 110 and 424 above.

443

Charter of William d'Aubigny confirming to Belvoir priory the church of Aubourn, Lincs., with 6 bovates of land, which Ralf d'Aubigny gave. (Late 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Notum sit omnibus presentibus & futuris quod ego Willelmus de Albenei concessi & confirmaui pro salute anime mee & antecessorum & successorum meorum deo & ecclesie beate Marie de Belueir & monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in liberam puram & perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Aburna iuxta Lincoln' cum sex bouatis terre & omnibus aliis libertatibus & pertinentiis quas habuerunt de dono Radulfi de Albineio solutas & quietas ab omni consuetudine & seruicio seculari infra villam & extra. Huius concessionis hii sunt testes . Radulfus presbiter . Siwardus . Rolandus & multi alii.

SEAL on tag: round, 2¼ in.; pink. Equestrian, coif, sword, kite-shaped shield, horse walking; ✠ SIGILLVM : WILLELMI DE ALBI TVN

The original charter of Ralf d'Aubigny is at Belvoir and is printed in full in *Rutland Report*, iv. 100; its limits of date are 1174–82, since in a charter confirming it (ibid. 113) Richard archbishop of Canterbury states that the gift was made in his presence and the archbishop's charter is witnessed by Waleran archdeacon of Bayeux who became bishop of Rochester in 1182. Ralf the donor was a brother of William d'Aubigny II of Belvoir (ibid. 99), who died in 1166. The present charter is therefore more probably one of William d'Aubigny III than of William IV. It is impossible to determine its date with any precision, but on the whole the circumstances point to the late 12th century rather than the early 13th.

¹ Cf. BM 46; Wyon, *Great Seals*, Nos. 27–8.

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Charter of Hawise countess of Aumale in her widowhood, after the death of her husband Baldwin de Béthune and after she had made a fine with the king for her inheritance, confirming to Garendon abbey, Leics., 4 carucates of land in Eastwell, Leics., which the monks had of the gift of Ralf the butler and of the confirmations of William de Envermeu and William count of Aumale her father. (1212-14)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon. v. 334*, 'ex autogr. in bibl. Hatton'.

Hawisa comitissa Albemarl' omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis . clericis et laicis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me in ligia potestate mea constitutam post mortem domini mei Baldeuini de Betunia . et postquam finem feci de iure et hereditate mea cum domino rege concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Geroudon' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . pro salute anime mee et domini mei Willelmi de Mandeuill' comitis Essex' . et heredum et antecessorum meorum . quatuor carucatas terre in Estwell' cum omnibus pertinentiis liberas et quietas ab omni seruicio quod ad comitem Albemarl' patrem meum pertinuit et quod ad me et heredes meos pertinet et ab omni seruicio . videlicet illas quatuor carucatas quas monachi habuerunt ex donatione Radulfi pincerne postquam idem Radulfus dirationauerat terram illam in curia domini regis et ex confirmatione Willelmi de Euermue et confirmatione Willelmi comitis Albem' . patris mei . de cuius feodo terra illa est. Et prohibeo ne aliquis eos inde grauet neque inquietet . neque molestiam faciat . quia omnibus heredibus terre que de feodo patris mei est in Eiton . et Estwell' et omnibus qui terram illam tenuerint uel tenebunt quietum clamaui a me et heredibus meis forense seruicium et omne seruicium quod ad comitem Albem' patrem meum pertinuit . et quod ad me et heredes meos pertinet de terra monachorum. Et ego et heredes mei adquietabimus terram illam in perpetuum . de omni seculari seruicio . et hec omnia predictis monachis warentizabimus. Hiis testibus Hugone abbate de Melsa Jordano abbate de Thorenton' . Adam capellano . Ranulfo . vicecomite . Henrico de Cundigcot' . Engeram' de Albemarl' . Johanne Mauueisin . Alizia de Fontibus . Richeuda . Clementia . puellis meis.

SEAL on yellow cord: pointed oval, $3\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ in.; red. A lady standing in a long dress, a bird on her left hand; ✠ SIGILLVM . hAWIS . DE ALBE[M]ARL' . COMITISSE ESSEX

COUNTERSEAL: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, a bordure with lines possibly indicating vair; ✠ SIGILLVM :

For the grantor see *CP*, 2nd ed. i. 351-5. The charters of Ralf the butler of Eaton and William de Envermeu, as well as one of William de Mandeville earl of Essex, Hawise's first husband, and an earlier one of Hawise herself of the year 1181 all dealing with this gift are at Belvoir and have been printed at length in *Rutland Report*, iv. 3-7. The date lies within narrow limits; Baldwin de Béthune, her third husband, died on 13 or 14 Oct. 1212 and Hawise herself on 11 Mar. 1214. The attestations of the countess's maidens are an exceptional feature of the charter; similar attestations occur in her charter of 1181 cited above and suggest a personal idiosyncrasy.

445

Charter of William count of Aumale son of Hawise countess of Aumale confirming to Garendon abbey 4 carucates of land in Eastwell, Leics. (Shortly after 1214)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* v. 334, source not given.

Willelmus comes de Albamare filius Hawise comitisse de Albamare omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis clericis et laicis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta confirmasse in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Geroudon' et monachis ibidem deo seruiantibus pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum quatuor carrucatas terre de feudo meo in Estwelle cum omnibus pertinentiis suis liberas et quietas ab omni seculari seruicio quod ad comitem de Albamare auum meum et ad Hawisam matrem meam comitissam de Albamare pertinuit et quod ad me et ad heredes meos pertinet et ab omni terreno seruicio . videlicet illas quatuor carrucatas terre quas predicti monachi habuerunt ex donacione Radulfi pincerne de Eytona postquam idem R. diracionauerat terram illam in curia domini Regis . et ex confirmacione Willelmi comitis de Albamare aui mei et ex confirmacione predicte Hawise matris mee comitisse de Albamare de cuius feodo terra illa est. Et prohibeo ne aliquis predictos monachos inde grauet . neque inquietet . neque molestiam faciat in perpetuum. Quia omnibus heredibus terre que de feudo matris mee in Eytona et Estwelle et omnibus qui terram illam tenuerunt uel tenebunt quietum clamaui a me et heredibus meis in perpetuum forense seruicium . et omne seruicium quod ad comitem de Albamare auum meum et ad Hawisam matrem meam comitissam de Albamare pertinuit . et quod ad me et ad heredes meos pertinet de terra monachorum . Et ego et heredes mei adquietabimus in perpetuum terram illam de omni seculari seruicio . et hec omnia predictis monachis warantizabimus. Testibus hiis . domino Henrico de Aldetheleghe . Waltero de Deyuill' . Stephano de Segraue . Fulcone de Oyri . Gaufrido dispensario . Hugone de foresta . Roberto de Burton' . Johanne de Foleuill' . Roberto de Withme . Hugone de Stretleghe . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; red. *Obv.*: equestrian, flat-topped helmet, sword, surcoat, kite-shaped shield; ✠ SIGILL' WILLELMI DE . FORZ . COMITIS : ALBEMARLIE : *Rev.*: shield of arms curved at top and sides, a cross patonce vair; ✠ SECRETVM : WILLELMI . DE . FORZ . COMITIS : ALBEMARLIE :

The grantor was son and heir of Hawise countess of Aumale by her second husband William de Forz: he succeeded his mother in 1214 and died 29 Mar. 1241. The hand suggests a date very early in the century and it seems safe to assume that the monks would obtain this confirmation soon after the grantor's accession to the lands; it is significant that two earlier confirmations by Hawise and her first husband William de Mandeville are within two years of her succession and marriage. The formula of address to all the grantor's men, French and English, comes oddly after the loss of Normandy. Used as it is in Hawise's charter of 1212-14 also, it seems probable that the clerks who wrote these confirmations based them on the charter issued by William count of Aumale at Easter 1181 (*Rutland Report*, iv. 5). The formulas are almost identical.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words. French.

Letter of William Malbys, Robert de Ros (*Roos*) of Ingmanthorpe, and William de Plumpton, knights, addressed generally and notifying that they have quitclaimed to Nicholas de Cantilupe (*Cauntelow*) and Joan his wife, Nicholas and William sons of William son of the aforesaid Nicholas de Cantilupe all right and claim in 300 marks of yearly rent which had been reserved to them by an indented charter of feoffment made by them to Nicholas, Joan, Nicholas, and William. Sealing clause. York: 27 Mar. 1354.

Three SEALS on tags: (i) round, $1\frac{1}{16}$ in.; red. On a traceried background a couched shield of arms, a chevron between three hinds' heads erased; above a helmet with lambrequin crest, a hind's head; **S. WILLUAMI : MALBYS**

(ii) round, 1 in.; red. Within a circle surrounded by a cusped panel a shield of arms, three water-bougets [*Roos*]; no legend.

(iii) round, $1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, five fusils in fess; above a helmet with lambrequin crest, issuing from a coronet a peacock's head; all within a carved panel; **S. WILLUAMI DE PLUMPTON**

Nicholas de Cantilupe made complicated arrangements, of which this document is one stage, to disinherit his son William in favour of that son's children, Nicholas and William. The writers of this letter were feoffees to uses. In the event the two grandchildren predeceased their father and left no heirs. Nicholas died at Avignon in 1370–1 and William was murdered in 1375. Their father at length inherited part of the family possessions. See *CP* iii. 113 et seq., and *Some Sessions of the Peace in Lincolnshire*, LRS, 30. lxxv et seq. The editor of the latter volume gives an interesting account of the murder.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Charter of Reginald de Grey, lord of Ruthyn, quitclaiming to Richard Shropshire, John de Corby, master of the hospital of Bolton, and William Danby all his right and claim in the manor of Ravensthorpe and its parcels which lie in Boltby, Thirlby, and 'Bycheshull'. Warranty and sealing clauses. 22 Feb. 1404.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{11}{16}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, barry in chief three roundels [*GREY* of Ruthyn], 2 and 3 quarterly, i and iv, a maunch [*HASTINGS*], ii and iii, barry an orle of martlets [*VALENCE*]. Above a helmet crest, on a chapeau a pair of wings; and on either side a naked human figure supporting the helmet.

For Reginald de Grey of Ruthyn see *CP*, 2nd ed. vi. 155; he had the manor of Ravensthorpe as heir general of John de Hastings, earl of Pembroke, who in his turn was coheir of Nicholas de Cantilupe (*ibid.* vi. 155; iii. 114 *nn.* c and d). Add. Chart. 22391 is an indenture dated 12 Aug. 1403 between Beatrix de Ros of the first part and Richard Shropshire, John de Corby, and William Danby of the second by which Beatrix assigned to them the manor of Ravensthorpe reserving a life interest to herself (cf. No. 448). Beatrix de Ros was the mother of Reginald's first wife, Margaret daughter of Thomas de Ros of Helmsley (*Hamelak*). Two other original charters dealing with this matter are still at Belvoir (*Hist. MSS. Comm.*, *Rutland Report*, iv. 86).

448

BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Charter of Gerard de Braybrook, the younger, and William Chetewynd, knight. Recites that Reginald de Grey, lord of Ruthyn, formerly enfeoffed Gerard de Braybrook, the elder, and the present grantors of his manor of Ravensthorpe with its members which lie in Boltby, Thirlby, and 'Bycheshull', Yorks., to hold to them, their heirs and assigns; thereafter the said feoffees granted the said manor to Beatrix de Ros for the term of her life with reversion to themselves and their heirs. Now after the death of Gerard

de Braybrook the elder, Gerard de Braybrook the younger and William Chetewynd grant to Richard Shropshire, John de Corby, master of the hospital of Bolton, and William Danby the reversion of the aforesaid manor of Ravensthorpe, &c., to hold after the death of the aforesaid Beatrix to them, their heirs and assigns. Sealing clause. 2 Feb. 1404.

SEALS on tags: (i) round, $1\frac{9}{16}$ in.; red. Within a scrolled panel a shield of arms, seven mascles, three, three, and one; *Sigillū : gerardi . . . : braybrok .* ∞

(ii) small oval, red. Couched shield of arms, blank, beneath a helmet; no legend.

See note to No. 447. In modern parlance this is an appointment of new trustees. This and No. 447 should be read in connexion with an inquisition taken on 9 Dec. 1415 on the death of Beatrix de Ros (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Rec. Series, lix. 108–9) in which the present charter is mentioned. It gives the date of the grant of a life interest in Ravensthorpe to Beatrix as 30 Jan. 1394, and also speaks of all lands, tenements, and burgages on 'Bychehulle' and elsewhere in the city of York; these were no doubt burgage tenements appurtenant to the manor of Ravensthorpe. Bickhill or Bychehulle is a lost place-name in York, see *EPNS Yorks.*, *E.R.* 282.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of Anthony de Lucy quitclaiming to Nicholas de Cantilupe and Joan formerly wife of John de Walkyngham and the heirs of Nicholas all his right and claim in the manor of Ravensthorpe with its appurtenances in the county of York, which manor Joan holds for her life by the demise of Nicholas and which after her death should revert to Nicholas and his heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Henrico de Percy domino Radulfo de Neuill' domino Galfrido Lescrop domino Ricardo de Wilughby domino Johanne de Stonore et aliis.' London: 4 Apr. 1340.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; red. On a reticulated background a shield of arms, three lucies hauriant; **SIGILLVM ANTONII DE LVCY**

For Anthony de Lucy see *CP*, 2nd ed. viii. 250.

450

BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Certificate by the abbot of Byland, Yorks., N.R. (*Bellalanda*), that on the Monday before the feast of St. George, 4 Hen. VI, John Parkynson of Boltby appeared before him and others and deposed upon oath that William de Cantilupe (*Cauntlow*), lord of Boltby, after travel overseas (*post laborem seu peregrinationem in partibus transmarinis*) came to Boltby and regained seisin and estate (*reaccepit saysinam et statum*) in his demesne of Boltby and Ravensthorpe and held it in peaceable possession for the whole term of his life. Robert Atkynson of the parish of Hawnby (*Hauneby*) formerly residing in Boltby said that he had seen and known to be true all that the aforesaid John Parkynson had deposed. Sealing clause. Byland: 22 Apr. 1426.

SEAL on strip cut half-way across document, riband below torn off: pointed oval, $2\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Beneath a richly decorated canopy with tabernacle work at the sides the abbot in mass vestments, standing, a pastoral staff in his right hand; a shield of arms on either side, dexter, a lion rampant [MOWBRAY]; sinister, three lions passant guardant in pale a label of three points; *Sigillū * Will'mi * helpirbi abbatis de bellolande*

The William de Cantilupe of this document must be the William murdered in 1375. He received licence to go on pilgrimage in Dec. 1367 and in Sept. 1371 was again abroad, on this occasion in the king's service in Aquitaine. On his return he did homage for his brother's lands (*Some Sessions of the Peace for Lincs.* lxix).

EX CARTIS WILLELMI SAVILL DE THORNHILL IN
COMITATU EBOR' BARONETT'. JULY 1641

451

Letter of the citizens of York notifying Geoffrey archbishop of York that the church of All Saints in the marsh of York is situate on the fee of Ralf Nuvel and that the advowson of the church belongs to him. (1191–1207)

ORIGINAL: Add. Chart. 10636.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Drake, *Eboracum*, 313; *EYC* i, No. 298, from original.

Venerabili patri . et domino . G. dei gracia Eborac' archiepiscopo . et Anglie primati . humiles filii sui ciues Eborac' salutem . et debitum cum omni reuerentia obsequium. Excellentie uestre notificetur quod ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum in marisco Eborac' in fundo Radulfi Nuuel . et antecessorum suorum sita est. Scimus etiam pro certo quod antecessores sui a prima fundatione eiusdem ecclesie eam donauerunt . et quod aduocatio tocius prefate ecclesie ad eundem Radulfum pertinet . tam iure hereditario quam ex dono predecessoris sui qui eam dare potuit. Huius rei ueritatem sub communi sigillo ciuitatis nostre paternitati uestre testificamur. Valeat semper in Christo sanctitas uestra.

No early endorsement.

SEAL¹ on plaited uncoloured cord: round, c. 2¾ in.; green. *Obv.*: a triple-towered castle, the wall diapered lozengy; ✠ SIGILLVM [CIV] RIDELVES : REGIS : *Rev.* (on the tag as drawn): St. Peter standing, with nimbus, holding two keys (wrongly drawn as a cross paty fitchy) in his right hand, and a long cross with banner in his left; ✠ S[IG]ILLVM : ECL'IE SAN[CTI PETRI] EBORACI. The original is now in as good condition as it was in 1641. This is the first seal of York city.

Drake supposed the archbishop here addressed to have been Gerard, but Farrer rightly regards him as Geoffrey, illegitimate son of Henry II, archbishop 1191–1212. Geoffrey left England in 1207 as a protest against excessive taxation and never returned. Drake describes this document as 'amongst the records of the city on Ouse-bridge', and it is now in the BM. In 1641 it was in Sir William Savill's possession, perhaps because he was on the Council of the North which sat at York. Farrer (*loc. cit.*) has collected what information can be found about Ralf Nuvel. He belonged to a York family, possibly the same family which in Henry I's reign produced Ralf Nuvel bishop of the Orkneys.

452

Quitclaim by Edmund de Lacy to John de Lungvilers of all the land of Farnley, Yorks., W.R., which the grantor bought of Walter of Woodlesford, Yorks., W.R. Rothwell, Yorks., W.R.: 21 Sept. 1251

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Eadmundus de Lascy concessi et quietum clamaui de me et heredibus meis Johanni de Longeuilers' et heredibus suis vel eius assignatis

¹ Drake, *Eboracum*, app., plate p. ci, no. xxiii; BM 5542, cf. Farrer, *Early Yorks. Charters*, *ut sup.* where the legends on obv. and rev. have been interchanged;

totam terram de Farneley . quam emi de Waltero de Wrictellesford sine aliquo retene-
mento . insimul cum homagio et seruicio Eudonis et heredum suorum et cum omnibus
ceteris hominibus ville . et cum omnibus libertatibus ad dictam villam de Farneley
pertinentibus ita quod nec ego Eadmundus de Lascy nec aliquis heredum meorum in
dicta villa aliquod ius vel clamium de cetero poterimus exigere iure quod habui per
dictum Walterum de Wrictelesford'. Tenendam et habendam dicto Johanni et heredi-
bus vel assignatis suis de me et heredibus meis per idem seruicium quod prius mihi
fecit pro toto tenemento quam¹ de me tenuit. Et ut hec mea concessio et quieta
clamacio firma et stabilis permaneat huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus
dominis Rogero de Quency comite Winton'. Thoma filio Willelmi . Petro de Percy .
Roberto de Stapelton' . Radulfo de Horbir' Johanne de Hoderode . Roberto de
Costia . Roberto de Couners' . Johanne de Stainton' . et aliis. Datum apud Rowell'
die sancti Mathei apostoli anno regni regis Henrici filii Johannis xxx° quinto.

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, quarterly a bend and a label of five points; ✠ SECRETV̄ .
EADMVRDI DE . KACI :

See note to No. 418.

453

*Charter of William lord of Burland giving to Odo of Portington 4 acres of land
which the donor held of Baldric the knight in the field called 'Endewode' nearest to
Portington Kirgate, Yorks., E. R. (circa 1200)*

BS FACSIMILE.

Abstract in *Yorkshire Deeds*, i. 42 (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Rec. Ser. xxxix, from the original then (1909) in
the possession of Col. Gascoigne of Parlington Hall, Leeds).

Sciant omnes presentes & futuri quod ego Willelmus dominus de Birlande . dedi &
concessi & hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Odoni de Portington' . & heredibus suis
pro homagio & seruitio suo quatuor acras terre quas ego tenui de Baldrico milite .
iacentes in campo qui vocatur Endewode propinquiore Portingtun Kirgate . tenendas
& habendas sibi & heredibus suis de me & heredibus meis in feodo & hereditate .
libere . quiete pacifice integre . cum omnibus aisiamentis . libertatibus suis. Reddendo²
inde annuatim mihi & heredibus meis quadraginta . denarios ad duos terminos .
scilicet ad festum Martini¹ & ad Pentecosten & unum denarium de scuagio¹ quando
venerit in terra domini episcopi pertinente ad manerium de Hofden' pro omni seruitio .
consuetudine . ausilio¹ . exaccione . & seculari demanda. His testibus Willelmo de
Kaiuilla . Thoma de Portington' . Johanne fratre suo . Roberto filio Thome . Willelmo
de Belasis Andrea maresscallo¹ . Alano de Houstorp . et aliis.

Tag only for seal.

Burland is 2 miles from Howden, the manor belonging to his bishopric at which Hugh du Puiset, bishop
of Durham, was forced to reside when he was removed from the justiciarship in Apr. 1190 by William

¹ Sic.

² The first *d* is interlined by the elaborate capital *R*.

de Longchamps, bishop of Ely and chancellor, acting on the authority of a writ of Richard I (*Chronica Rogeri de Houedene*, RS, iii. 25). Peter of Burland, Thomas of Caviil, and William his son witnessed a charter of Bishop Hugh 1186–94 (*EYC* ii, No. 1000); William son of Adam of Burland occurs in a charter dated 1195–1211 (*EYC* ii, No. 1130).

454

Manumission by John Marmion, lord of Winteringham, Lincs., of Henry son of Alexander Lucas. 19 Aug. 1294

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos litere presentes peruenerint Johannes Marmyon' dominus de Wyntringham salutem in domino. Noueritis me manumisisse Henricum filium Alexandri Lucas quondam natium meum cum tota sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis et eisdem omnimodis liberam condicionem concessisse. Quare volo et concedo et quietum clamo in perpetuum pro me et heredibus meis quod predictus Henricus et eius sequela quieti sint ab omnibus exactionibus et demandis que occasione alicuius seruitutis uel natiuitatis habere potero uel poterimus. In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus domino Roberto Marmyon' rectore ecclesie de Wyntringham . domino Roberto de Burton' rectore ecclesie de Wath' . Gilberto Basset Johanne de Wyntringham . Galfrido de Wyntringham clerico . Reginaldo de Biscopton' et multis aliis. Datum apud Wyntrintham die Iouis proxima post assumptionem beate Marie virginis anno domini M° CC° nonogesimo¹. quarto.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; red. Shield of arms, vair a fess [MARMION]; FILII WILL'

In 1303 John Marmion held 3 fees in Winteringham of Gilbert de Gant (*FA* iii. 131).

455

Charter of W. the prior and the convent of Thornholm, Lincs., granting to John Malherbe, their patron, that they will not purchase, receive as a gift, or take as a pledge any of the land of his men of the soke of Appleby, Lincs., without his consent. (circa 1200)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris . W. prior et conuentus de Thornholm salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos concessisse . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse domino Johanni Malerb' . aduocato nostro quod non ememus . uel ex dono recipiemus . siue ad wagium capiemus aliquid de terra hominum suorum de soca de Apelby nisi sit per gratum et uoluntatem ipsius . saluis domui nostre terris omnibus quas habemus de dono Alani filii Arri . et Willelmi filii sui de Riseby de quibus terris habemus confirmationem predicti Johannis Maleerb' aduocati nostri. Teste sigillo capituli nostri.

¹ Sic.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in. when perfect; fragmentary; uncoloured. The Virgin crowned, seated on a carved throne, holding the Child with nimbus on her left knee, a fleur-de-lis on her right hand; : SIGILL' Cf. BM 4168

In 1202 before the judges at Lincoln an inquest was held to find out whether the patronage of Thornholme priory belonged to the king or John Malherbe. The jurors recorded that King Stephen founded the priory and Henry II gave Appleby (of the honor of Peverel of Dover), in which the priory is, to William Longsword his brother, who gave it to John Malherbe, 'so that there were two priors there through John Malherbe'. The jurors recited William Longsword's charter, which, they said, was confirmed by Henry II (*Earliest Lincolnshire Assize Rolls*, LRS xxii. 6). In 1202 and in 1208 the prior's name was Walter (*VCH Lincs.* ii. 168). John Malherbe is returned as holding the soke of Appleby as late as 1212 (*Fees*, 190), but the hand of the document suggests a date in the late 12th century.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 24 words. Indented.

Memorandum of an agreement between John Neville, knight, of Wymeswold, Leics. (*Wymondwold*), and Amice his wife of the one part and William Doddingseseles and Agnes his wife of the other as to the partition of the inheritance of Amice and Agnes in the manor of Hinton Hall (*Henketon*) in Haddenham and lands and tenements in Elm, Cambs., by the decease of Simon de Lisle (*Lile*), father of Amice and grandfather of Agnes. William and Agnes recognize Amice as heir and parcener of the lands and tenements in Hinton and Elm, and grant that if John and Amice can recover Amice's reasonable share in the manor of Hinton against William de Tuddenham, John Barbour, and Alice his wife, she shall retain it as befits a third parcener. If John and Amice cannot so recover, William and Agnes his wife for themselves and their heirs grant that John and Amice shall for their lives share in Agnes's part of the manor of Hinton (*Hinketon*) as a parcener should, as fully as if they had recovered it by judgment of the king's court, so that after the decease of John and Amice that part shall revert to William and Agnes and their heirs. John and Amice and William and Agnes mutually agree that they will each faithfully help the other against any other parcener. John and Amice will deliver when required to William and Agnes the writings and muniments touching Simon de Lisle in their possession against the security of a bond. The parties have bound themselves to observe this agreement by the pledging of faith. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Hugone perpetuo vicario de Elm . Willelmo de Schirebek' . Willelmo de Makesely . Willelmo de Quere . Johanne de Dikeby Waltero filio Willelmi et aliis.' Elm: 1 Oct. 1275.

Two SEALS on tags: (i) tag only; (ii) oval, c. $1 \times \frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Beneath a female head with head-dress a shield of arms, two bars; no legend.

In 1302-3 John Ode of Lynn held for the term of his life one-sixth of a knight's fee in Elm of the heirs of Simon de Lisle, who held of the bishop of Ely (*FA* i. 141).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 19 words. Indented. French.

Indenture made at Anglesey, Cambs., 21 May 10 Edw. III, between Elizabeth de Bourg, lady of Clare, and Geoffrey Lescrop. For the good and loyal service performed and to be performed by Geoffrey to the lady Elizabeth she has given him the manor of 'Sandhalle', to hold for her life by the service of rendering a rose at midsummer and doing the service due to the chief lords of the fee. If Geoffrey die during the lady Elizabeth's lifetime his executors shall hold the manor for a year and it shall then revert to her. Warranty and sealing clauses. Anglesey: 21 May 1336.

SEAL on tag the same as to No. 74; red.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Abstract in *Yorkshire Deeds*, i. 169 (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Rec. Ser. xxxix) from the original then (1909) in the possession of Col. Gascoigne of Parlington Hall, Leeds.

Charter of Adam son of Adam of Swillington, Yorks., W.R. (*Swilyngton*), knight, giving to Robert of Swillington his brother all his manor of Thorpe Perrow, Yorks., N.R. (*Thorpe Pirrowe in Rychemondschire*), as it lies in Thorpe Perrow and Snape and as Adam his father held it; to hold to Robert, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Thoma de Fenton' Willelmo de Schargill militibus Willelmo de Raygat Willelmo de Berley. Johanne de Schirburn de Ebor' Johanne de Leysingcroft et Willelmo de Scurueton et aliis.' Thorpe Perrow (*circa* 1300¹).

SEAL on tag: oval, $1\frac{1}{8} \times 1$ in.; red. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms, a chevron a label of five points; [S]IGILL' ADE D' SWELINGTON

For the Swillington family, mentioning this charter, see *Thoresby Soc.* xv. 185 et seq. Adam the father died 1327 or 1328 (J. W. Clay, *Extinct Peerages*, 214) and this gift was probably made soon after; the date assigned is that proposed in *Yorkshire Deeds*. Robert the donee was in the service of John of Gaunt (see *John of Gaunt's Register*, Camden Series, *passim*). Land in Thorpe Perrow came to the Gascoigne family, so that in 1909 the original charter was in proper custody.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Letters of Nicholas of Strelley, Notts. (*Strylley*), knight, appointing Christopher Conyers and William Ayscough his attorneys to deliver to Thomas le Scrop, son of Roger le Scrop, late lord of Castle Bolton, seisin of the manors of Ellington, Burton on Ure (*super Yore*), and Middleton Quernhow (*Middelton' Querenhowe*) and of all lands, tenements, &c., which he had of the gift and enfeoffment of Roger in the aforesaid villages and the villages of Masham, Fearby (*Fegherby*), Healey (*Helagh*), Sinderby, Thornbrough (*Thornebergh*), Warthermarske (*Wardeynmershe*), and Sourmire (*Souremyre*) with all their appurtenances in Richmondshire according to the indented charter made by him to Thomas. Sealing clause. 1 Mar. 1421.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, paly of six; above a helmet with lambrequin crest, a man's head in profile to the dexter; : Sigillum : dni nicolai : Strelley :.

Roger le Scrope of Bolton died 3 Dec. 1403; Thomas was his second son and a minor at his father's death (Nicolas, *Scrope and Grosvenor Controversy*, ii. 54-9); the conveyance to Nicholas was therefore to provide for a younger son. All the places are in the Yorks. N.R. In 1428 Nicholas was holding two-thirds of a knight's fee in Strelley (*FA* iv. 129), of the honor of Peverel (*HKF* i. 178-80).

PENES ROGERUM DODSWORTH DE COMITATU
EBORACENSI GENEROSUM SEPT. 1641

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Charter of Richard Malebisse quitclaiming to Newburgh abbey, Yorks., N.R., all his claim and right in the canons' cell of Hood, Yorks., N.R. (1204-10)

BS FACSIMILE.

Ricardus Malebisse omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Sciatis me quietum clamasse de me et de heredibus meis in perpetuum religionis intuitu . et pro animabus

¹ The actual date is omitted.

omnium antecessorum meorum deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Nouo burgo . et canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus totum clamium quod habui . et ius quod clamaui me habere in cella eorundem canonicorum et pertinenciis eius que appellatur Hod. Et hanc quietam clamantiam feci ego Ricardus Malebisse pro me et pro heredibus meis. Ut autem hec eadem quietam clamancia rata permaneat ⁊ eam presenti carta mea confirmaui. Hiis testibus . domino Gwarino abbate Rieuall' . domino Laurentio priore de Giseburn' . Roberto camerario . Drogone de Harum . Alano Malecac . Rogero de Sturs . Galfrido de Toringni . Roberto Fossard . Gaufrido Fossard . Thoma de Lasceles Willelmo de Busci . Willelmo Darel . Willelmo Britone . Gileberto de Mainil . Stephano de Mainil . Rogero Caluo . Gaufrido de Ampelford'.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 2½ in.; red; chipped. Equestrian, rounded helmet, hauberk of mail, sword, kite-shaped shield, a crescent above the horse's head; ✠ SIGI[LU] RI[CARD]I MALE[BISSE]

Cf. BM 6194

For the Malebisse family see *EYC* iii. 456–9. Richard's father William is said by Dodsworth to have died on crusade 1187–8. Richard himself died 1210. For Richard see Foss, *Judges of England*. Geoffrey, predecessor of Warin abbot of Rievaulx, occurs 1204 (*VCH Yorks.* iii. 152).

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Charter of John Malebisse undertaking that if any parson of Scawton, Yorks., N.R., shall refuse to pay to the monks of Byland, Yorks., N.R., the 20 shillings payable yearly as set out in a chirograph made in the king's court between the abbot of Byland and Richard Malebisse, he and his heirs will enforce payment as far as in them lies.
(1211–15)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri ⁊ quod Johannes Malebisse obligauit se et heredes suos per presentem cartam fide sua interposita . quod si aliquando contigerit . quod persona de Scaltona quicunque fuerit pro tempore in diebus suis uel heredum suorum subtraxerit se a solucione viginti solidorum monachis de Bellalanda annuatim reddendorum secundum quod continetur in cyrographo confecto in curia regis inter abbatem de Bellalanda et Ricardum Malebisse ⁊ ipse pro posse suo per consilium monachorum predictorum compellent eum ad solucionem predictorum viginti solidorum. Et in huius obligacionis testimonium predictus Johannes presenti carte sigillum suum apposuit. Hiis testibus . domino Helya abbate Rieuallensi . Gikello cellario Bellelande . Ingel'o socio eius Ada magistro conuersorum . Waltero cellerario Rieuall' . fratre Thoma bercario Bellelande . fratre Moyse . Willelmo de Herlesaie . Thoma clerico de Acastra . Thoma de Arnecliue.

SEAL on tag: round, 1¾ in.; brown. Equestrian, rounded helmet, surcoat, sword, oval shield; ✠ SIGILLU' I [M]ALEBISSE

John Malebisse was the son and heir of Richard of No. 460. Elyas succeeded Warin as abbot of Rievaulx in 1211 and resigned in 1215 (*VCH Yorks.* iii. 152).

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Charter of Roger de Mowbray giving to Ralf de Belver and Robert his brother the wood and land of Miclehae for two carucates and a half, and granting also free pannage for their swine throughout all the grantor's forests. (Early Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

Rogerus de Molbr' omnibus hominibus suis et amicis Francis et Anglis clericis et laicis presenti[bus et] futuris . salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse Radulfo de Beluer et [Rober]to fratri eius . nemus et terram de Miclehae . pro ij carrucatis terre et dimidia per has diuisas de Ga . . de Narnkelde sursum usque ad capud de Giled . et inde usque ad uiam trauersanam ad Tinghoc [et] inde ad Feirkerhenges . inde ad Sandwad . inde sicut Schirebec currit ⁊ ad rectas diuisas de Slaningford et de Aserle et de Malesard . et de subtus cliuam ⁊ usque Rogegata. Hec concessi et dedi illis et heredibus suis ad tenendum in feudo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis in bene et pace libere et quiete et honorifice . reddendo annuatim quasdam caligas de scarlata ad natale domini pro omnibus seruiciis. Concessi etiam eis et dedi pannagium porcorum suorum quietum per omnes forestas meas. His testibus Nigello de Muhr' . Roberto de Daiuilla . Hugone Malebisse . Thoma de Coleuilla . Hamone Beler . Adam Luuel.

Tag only for seal.

The top right-hand corner of the document had been torn off before BS was made. The name of the second grantee can be supplied from other documents, e.g. *EYC* i. 427. The wood and land granted lay between Kirkby Malzeard, Azerley, and Sleningford, between 6 and 7 miles north-west of Ripon. Apart from the grantor's son and Hugh Malebisse all the witnesses were undertenants of Roger in 1166 (*RB* 419–20).

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BS FACSIMILE. French.

Letter patent of Robert son of Roger to his uncle Hugh de Baliol, lord of Héricourt, asking him to pay the money in which he is bound to the writer's father to Thomas of Carlisle, burgess of Newcastle, or to his certain attorney, who will bring him this letter patent. Newburn, Northumb.: 29 Aug. 1284.

SEAL¹ on strip, riband below: round, c. 1 in.; green; broken at side and bottom. On a background with floral decoration a shield of arms suspended from a tree, a lion rampant; * [?]RW[?]ORMIE²

Robert son of Roger (1247–1310) was son of Roger son of John (d. 1249). John was son of Robert lord of Warkworth by Ada daughter of Hugh de Baliol, lord of Barnard castle. John de Baliol, king of Scotland, and Hugh de Baliol, lord of Héricourt, were Ada's brothers, so that the recipient of this letter was the writer's great-uncle, not his uncle (*Northumberland County History*, v. 26 and vi. 73).

¹ Not the same as Robert son of Roger's seal illustrated in *Northumberland County History*, v, pl. facing 24, no. 5, with quite different arms.
² Possibly a form of Warkworth is intended.

Charter of William fitz William confirming to Byland abbey, Yorks., N.R., a mine of iron for one furnace throughout the 'terrura' of Emley, Yorks., W.R., together with dead wood for fuel and rights of way; also a toft, all manner of wood for building except live oak, and common of pasture for certain specified animals. (1191—circa 1200)

BS FACSIMILE.

Eboracensi archiepiscopo et toti capitulo sancti Petri et omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus filius Willelmi salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et monachis sancte Marie de Bellaland' in perpetuam elemosinam liberam solutam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio minariam ferri ad unam fauercam per totam terruram de Emmelau ubicunque eam inuenerint . siue in bosco siue in prato siue in terra arabili excepto parco quando clausum fuerit. Quando uero minam perfoderint ⁊ implebunt iterum fossas. Ad carbones autem concedo eis omne mortuum nemus . iacens uel stans per totam terruram predictae uille quod est sine fructu et foliis excepto parco meo quando clausum fuerit et parcum non claudetur ultra metas constitutas in tempore Henrici regis et patris mei. Concedo etiam eis uias oportunas ad minariam et carbones trahendos . et eis libere utentur. Do quoque eis unum toftum sicuti fossatum circuit erga ductum. Concedo etiam eis ad edificia sua et ad opera que ad eundem locum pertinent omne genus lignorum excepta uiua quercu. Habebunt quoque communem pasturam ubicunque aueria hominum meorum pascunt . duobus scilicet equis et quatuor bobus et quinque uaccis cum uno tauro . et uitulis earum . et xxx capris cum capreolis earum et tribus hircis. Post finem uero anni . semper auferentur uituli et crapreoli¹. Si autem capras habere maluerint . pro quinque uaccis habebunt x capras. Nemo uero intrabit nec recipietur infra predictam terruram ad ferrum faciendum ⁊ sine consensu monachorum. Pro hac tota donatione quam eis confirmo ⁊ libere solute et quiete in perpetuam elemosinam tenendam de me et heredibus meis ⁊ dabunt mihi et heredibus meis annuatim in recognitionem . tres solidos. Et ego et heredes mei predicta omnia prefatis monachis garantizabimus contra omnes homines et firmam pacem eis tenebimus ⁊ sicut in carta patris mei continetur. Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Albeneio . Albreda de Lisurs . Mathilde de Alben' . Rogero capellano de Sprotteburc . Rogero filio Willelmi de Barneburc . Roberto fratre eius . Jurdano de Mar . Ricardo de Wambewell' Hugone de Schacebi . Radulfo de Daiwic . Hugone de Bilham . Waltero de Loenes.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 in.; brown. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, horse walking; legend indistinct.

The grantor, William son of William son of Godric son of Ketelbeorn of Emley and Sprotborough, was the ancestor of the fitzWilliams; his mother was Aubreye de Lisours, daughter and heir of Robert de Lisours, by Aubreye daughter of Robert de Lacy; she had two previous husbands, Richard son of Eustace, from which marriage descended the later house of Lacy, and William de Clairfait. For accounts of the family see *EYC* iii, No. 1690 *n.* and *CP*, 2nd ed. v. 518. The original grant of these mining rights to Byland was made by Godric (*EYC* iii, loc. cit.). For other confirmations see *Yorkshire Deeds* (Yorks.

¹ *Sic.*

Arch. Soc., Rec. Ser. lix, v. 37-8 and notes). See also Add. Chart. 7432 (*BM Facsimiles*, No. 64), a somewhat earlier grant of mining rights in this district. Byland had a grange at Denby close to Emley, and a large number of charters dealing with this property are in the British Museum (Add. Chart. 7409-65 and 7467-82). Henry II is mentioned as dead, and since the charter is addressed to an archbishop of York it must be later than the consecration of Geoffrey in Aug. 1191 after a vacancy of ten years. It is witnessed by the grantor's mother, Aubrey de Lisours, who was living in 1200 (*Cur. Reg. Roll*, i. 358), but she was then of great age and must have died soon after.

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Notification by Alice de Rumilly, daughter of William son of Duncan, in her widowhood that she has quitclaimed Robert of Eaglesfield, Cumb., and all the free tenants of Eaglesfield from the cornage they used to pay for the land they held there.
(1209-15)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus has litteras visuris uel auditoris Alicia de Bomell¹ filia Willelmi filii Duncani salutem. Noueritis uniuersi me in libera potestate et viduitate mea . concessisse . et quietos clamasse Robertum de Eglesfeild¹ et heredes suos et omnes libere tenentes in eadem villa de me et de heredibus meis de cornagio quod predictus Robertus et libere tenentes solebant mihi dare pro terra sua de Eglesfeild'.¹ Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis dimidiam marcam argenti . duobus terminis . medietatem ad Pentecosten . et medietatem ad festum sancti Martini. Et ut hec mea quieta clamantia rata sit et stabilis eam sigilli mei appositione confirmaui. Hiis testibus Henrico de Millum . Johanne de Bricham . Gerardo de Bramwait . Henrico de Den . Thoma persona de Bricham Helya de Bricham . Michael de Clifton' . et aliis pluribus.

Tag only for seal.

Eaglesfield was part of the liberty of Cockermouth in Cumberland, inherited by Alice de Rumilly as part of her share in the lands divided between the three daughters of her mother, Alice de Rumilly, and William son of Duncan II, king of Scotland. The Alice de Rumilly of the present charter married first Gilbert Pipard, who died c. 1192, and secondly Robert de Curtenay, who died 1207-9. In her second widowhood she made gifts to tenants in her Cumberland possessions and it seems probable that the present charter was made at this time. She died in 1215. The handwriting supports this suggestion. For the grantor's family see C. T. Clay in *EYC* vii. 10-19.

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Charter of Henry bishop of Winchester restoring to Walkelin Briwerre a hide of land which had belonged to Alwichild, half being at Michelmersh, and half at Awbridge, Hants. (Mid 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

.H. dei gracia Winton' episcopus . omnibus probis hominibus et fidelibus suis de Hantesira Francis & Anglis . salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Walkelino

¹ *Sic.*

Briewerr' illam hidam terre . que fuit Alwichildi . cuius medietas . est . apud Mucelmareis . et altera medietas apud Abberingam . tenendam honorifice et iure hereditario de me & successoribus meis . per tale seruicium . quale eadem terra debet. Testibus . Henrico cancellario Berengario capellano . Radulfo de Vedues conestabulo Wintonie Willelmo Briewerr' . et Ricardo et Thoma filiis eius . Herberto pincerna . et Ricardo Gernun . et Daudid de Stana . et Roberto de Toka . et Adam filio Azi.

SEAL¹ on tag: pointed oval; tinted yellow; much chipped. The bishop standing, wearing a round cap, his right hand raised and holding a pastoral staff in his left; no legend.

COUNTERSEAL: small oval. Antique gem, two busts face to face.

Henry of Blois was bishop of Winchester 1129–71 and legate 1 Mar. 1139–Sept. 1143. As he is not styled legate it cannot have been made during his legation. Henry the bishop's chancellor witnessed a charter for St. Denis, Southampton, dated 1151 (*BM Facsimiles*, No. 32). It seems probable that this charter was made about the middle of the century also. Michelmersh is near Mottisfont and was given to the priory by its founder, William Briwerre (*Mon.* vi. 481). Walkelin appears to be the predecessor in title of William Briwerre at Michelmersh. This charter therefore carries the recorded history of the Briwerre family in Hants to the middle of the 12th century; see note to No. 473 below. The witness William Briwerre was probably the grandfather of John's minister.

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Notification of Robert de Mandeville to King John that he has given all his land of 'Hulle' to William Briwerre. (1212–16)

BS FACSIMILE.

Reuerendo domino suo .J. dei gracia regi Anglie . domino Hibernie . duci Normannie . et Aquitannie . comiti Andegauie . suus deuotus Robertus de Mandeuilla . salutem . et fidele semper seruutium. Nouerit excellentia uestra domine karissime me dedisse et concessisse domino Willelmo Briewerr' . pro homagio et seruitio suo totam terram meam de Hulle . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Quare excellentie uestre deuote supplico . quatenus si placet cartam ipsius donationis eidem Willelmo confirmare uelitis. Valeat dominus meus semper.

SEAL on strip: round, 1½ in.; green. A crescent with star above; ✠ SIGILL' ROBERTI DE MAND

Hulle is now lost, but may be represented by Hall Place in Michelmersh, since in No. 473 a fishpond in Hulle is said to be next Braishfield, which is about a mile from Hall Place. The donor is Robert de Mandeville, who recovered the honor of Marshwood, Dors., in 1206 (*Rot. Lit. Pat.* i. 61 b). An account of the family is given in the fine recorded in the Pipe Roll of 10 John (p. 113, n. 8), by which Robert finally secured the honor. The Mandevilles of Marshwood and the Mandevilles of Erlstoke, Wilts., descended from brothers, Geoffrey and Roger, who came to England from the Cotentin with Richard de Revers, ancestor of the earls of Devon. These Mandevilles have no connexion with the family of the earls of Essex. The present letter cannot be earlier than 1212, when Robert was holding 60 *solidatae* of land in Hulle (*Fees*, 75).

¹ Cf. BM 2241 for full descriptions and legend.

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Charter of Margery de la Ferté, in her widowhood, confirming to Mottisfont priory, Hants, all the benefactions of William Briwerre her father and William Briwerre her brother. (1233-7)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 482, 'ex cod. MS in Scacc. penes Remem. Regis', f. 2, n. 4.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Margeria de la Ferte pro salute anime mee et animarum domini Willelmi Briwerre patris mei et Beatricis matris mee et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi in ligia potestate et viduitate mea deo et ecclesie sancte Trinitatis de Mothesfunt' et canonicis eiusdem loci omnes donaciones concessionones et confirmationes quas prenominatus W. pater meus et Willelmus Briwerre frater meus eis fecerunt de ecclesiis . terris . pratis . et pascuis . boscis . aquis et molendinis . et omnibus aliis possessionibus inter quas illas duxi specificandas . scilicet totam terram quam Johannes Briwerre patruus meus tenuit in Mothesfunt' in qua ecclesia predictorum canonicorum fundata est . et totam terram de Kadebiri et totam decimam de assartis de Sumburn' de Hackaleg' et de Esseleg' . et decimam acram de predictis assartis et ecclesiam de Magna Sumburn' . ecclesiam de Esseleg' . ecclesiam de Langestok' . et ecclesiam de Parua Sumburn' cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis suis . item totam terram quam dominus pater meus habuit in Merton' et quinque marcatas terre in Birebach' . et quoddam pratum in Rugneye quod fuit predicti Johannis Briwerre . et quoddam mesuagium in Stocbrigg' cum quodam prato septem acrarum in marisco de Stokebrigg' que fuerunt Radulfi de Bray . et totum burgagium in Stocbrigg' quod fuit Ade le taillur quieta ab omni seruicio secta curie tallagio et omni seculari exactione in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam . et totam terram de Hulle cum pertinenciis que fuit Roberti de Mandeuill' . item totam terram quam pater meus habuit in manerio de Muchelmareis . et totam terram quam idem pater meus habuit in Tymbrebiri et in Cumton' exceptis magno viuario et prato de Fisslute . item totam terram de Colemanesleya que fuit abatisse de Rumesie . item totam terram de Fareburn' et pratum de Cobbemers que fuerunt Philippi de Hucklesford' . item totam terram que fuit predicti Johannis Briwerre patris mei uersus aquilonem . a via que uadit de Rumesie ad Neubrigg' . scilicet a capite fossati quod uocatur Cobbehey usque ad capud fossati quod uocatur fossatum Normanni uersus austrum . et de Karebroch' usque ad pre-nominatam uiam . item omnes terras cum edificiis que fuerunt patris mei apud Wintoniam intra muros quam extra . item uiginti quinque acras terre cum pertinenciis per perticam de dominico de Langestok' item totum tenementum quod predicti pater et frater meus tenuerunt in Langestok' de abbatissa et sanctimonialibus Winton' cum duobus molendinis que sita sunt sub uno cumulo prope uillam de Stocbrigg' cum sectis suis et cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis predictorum tenementi et molendinorum. Habenda et tenenda omnia supradicta prefatis ecclesie et canonicis de Mothesfunt'

cum omnibus eorum libertatibus et pertinenciis sine omni inpedimento mei uel heredum meorum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam saluis tamen seruiciis si qua debentur capitalibus dominis predictorum feudorum. Preterea concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui predictis canonicis de Motesfunt' quod ipsi et homines sui de Tymbrebiri et Hulle quieti sint in perpetuum de secta hundredi de Sumburn' et de placitis foreste quantum ad me et ad heredes meos pertinet. Ego uero Margeria et heredes mei omnes prenomintas terras et possessiones cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et aliis pertinenciis suis prefatis ecclesie et canonicis de Mothesfunt' in perpetuum warantizabimus . uidelicet secundum quod spectat ad rationabilem partem hereditatis mee que ad me de patre et fratre meo descendit . et sicut carte predictorum patris et fratris mei plenius et melius testantur. Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmacio firme et stabiles sint in perpetuum huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus . Ricardo de Kardewill' . Willelmo de Dammartin . Rogero de Vilers . Thoma de Hochtun' . Wymundo de Raleg' . Radulfo de Dun' . Waltero Poys Waltero Oildeboef . Ricardo de Dunebrig' . Ricardo de Pereleth . Galfrido Perceuent . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $2 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; green. Seal (not shield of arms) divided per pale, dexter two sets of three bendlets wavy, sinister, two crescents in pale; **SIGILLU' MARGERIE DE . HERITATE ~**

Margery was one of the daughters of William Briwerre the elder and coheir of William the younger. She married William de la Ferté, who died 1216, by whom she had a daughter and heir, Gundred, wife of Pain de Chaworth (*HKF* iii. 414). This charter is subsequent to her brother's death in 1233 and the partition of his lands (*Fees*, 395). She was dead in 1237, when on her son-in-law's death his son Patrick proffered £500 for livery of the lands which descended to him from his father and his grandmother Margery Briwerre (*HKF*, loc. cit.). For the family of La Ferté see *EYC* vi. 53-4.

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Charter of William Briwerre the younger confirming to Mottisfont priory, Hants, the gifts of William Briwerre his father. (1217-26)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . Willelmus Briwerre iunior salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute anime mée et pro animabus Beatricis matris mée et domini Ricardi fratris mei et domini Johannis Briwerre auunculi mei et antecessorum et successorum meorum ratam et gratam habuisse et confirmasse donacionem quam dominus Willelmus Briwerre pater meus fecit deo et ecclesie sancte Trinitatis de Motesfont' et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo seruientibus de tota terra de Hulle cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis . sicut carta quam habent de dicto W. patris mei testatur. Et etiam me confirmasse donacionem quam dominus W. pater meus fecit dictis ecclesie et canonicis de tota terra de Timbrebir' cum curia et omnibus pertinenciis suis et omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad dictam terram et totum manerium de Timbrebir' pertinentibus . retentis solummodo domino patri meo et heredibus suis . magno viuario et prato de Fisceflet' et aliis pratis ibidem que non sunt pertinencia ad dictam terram de Timbrebir' sicut carta patris mei quam

inde habent testatur. Et ut hec mea confirmacio rata stabilis et inconcussa permaneat : presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus . domino Michaelle abbate de Bucfest . domino Ricardo abbate de Muchelneye . Wymundo de Ralegh' . Roberto de Chilton' . Galfrido Cophyn . Willelmo de Horseye . Waltero senescallo de Romes¹ . Galfrido de Sumburn' . Waltero Poys Ada clerico . Yuone de Essel' . Amando . Radulfo Springham . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1½ in.; green. A mermaid holding her tail with her left hand; ✠ SIGILLU' WILLELMI BRIWERRE

Son and heir of William Briwerre, the founder of Mottisfont priory, the grantor died without issue in 1233 and, subject to the dower of Joan his wife, his lands were partitioned among his five sisters (*Fees*, 395–401). His uncle, John Briwerre, was the first husband of Galiena de Dammartin; see No. 409. This charter is later than No. 473 since it confirms the gift of Hulle and earlier than the death of William Briwerre the elder in 1226.

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Notification by Pain de Chaworth to his bailiffs and servants that he has taken Mottisfont priory, Hants, under his protection. (1233–7)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 482, 'ex autographo penes Sam. Roper armig.'.

Paganus de Chauorciis balliuis et seruientibus suis . salutem. Noueritis quod nos in nostram suscepimus protectionem dilectos fratres nostros priorem et canonicos de Motesfunt' . unde uobis mandamus atque precipimus quatinus ipsos et res eorum manuteneatis protegatis et defendatis nullum eis grauamen uel molestiam in aliquo inferentes uel inferri pro posse uestra permittentes . volumus enim eos manutenere et promouere in negotiis suis pro animabus dilectorum nostrorum domini Willelmi Briwerre . fundatoris eorum et domini Willelmi de Feritate patris uxoris nostre. Et in huius rei testimonium has litteras nostras patentes eis fieri fecimus. Valete.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, c. 2½ in. when perfect; yellow tinted red. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, surcoat, sword, kite-shaped shield with arms as on counterseal; legend missing.

COUNTERSEAL: round, 1½ in.; yellow tinted red. Shield of arms, burelly; ✠ SECRETVM PAGANI DE CHAORCIIS
Cf. BM 5802

For the Chaworth family see *BHRS* x. 304–6. Pain married Gundred, daughter of William de la Ferté and Margery Briwerre, and died 1237. This notification is later than the death of William Briwerre the younger, and probably later than Margery's death also. See No. 468.

471

Charter of Stephen of All Saints giving to John de Briwes and Margery his wife for John's homage and service all his land in 'Netherhamdene'. (Early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Stephanus de Omnibus Sanctis dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui Johanni de Briwes et Margerie uxori sue

¹ *Sic.*

et illorum heredibus totam terram meam de Netherhamdene cum omnibus pertinenciis suis pro homagio et seruicio predicti Johannis . tenendam et habendam illis et eorum heredibus de me et heredibus meis libere quiete et integre bene et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus predictae terre pertinentibus . per seruicium feudi unius militis et pro quibusdam calcaribus deauratis uel sex denariis reddendis michi et heredibus meis de illis et illorum heredibus annuatim in festo sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio. Et pro hac donatione et concessione et confirmatione dederunt michi sexaginta marcas sterlingorum. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat in posterum ⁊ presenti carta et sigilli mei apositione¹ roborauī. Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Ardene . Willelmo de Raleg' . Rogero Hautesce . Ricardo de Bissupleg' . Johanne de Raleg' . Waltero de Witemora . Galfrido de Wallop' . Radulfo de Chaucumba . Radulfo de Sunburne . Alano de Hereford' . Achardo maresscallo . Thoma de Berkinges . Ricardo de Niweton' . Ricardo le porter . Galfrido filio Hugonis . Roberto de Clauilla . Thoma de Sunburne . Iuone de Esleg' . Henrico filio Simonis de Scorlinch . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; uncoloured. Equestrian, conical helmet, surcoat, sword; ✠ SIGILLU' ST
 ANI DE

Nothing is known of the donor. John de Briwes acted as a judge in 1209 (Hunter, *Fines*, i. lxvi). He and his wife Margery were parties to a suit touching land in Surrey in 1204 (*Cur. Reg. Rolls*, iii. 101). He was dead in 1229, when the king took the homage of his son and heir (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.* i. 184). Netherhamdene must be associated with Hamdown, a lost place in East Wellow, near Mottisfont (*VCH Hants*, iv. 535).

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Charter of Ralf Gernun confirming to Mottisfont priory, Hants, the gift of William Briwerre his uncle of Timsbury and Fareburn, Hants. (1224-6)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit ⁊ Radulfus Gernun salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute anime meae et pro anima Johannis Briwerre auunculi mei et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Trinitatis de Motesfont' et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo seruiantibus donationem quam dominus Willelmus Briwerre auunculus meus eis fecit de tota terra de Tymbrebir' et Fareburn' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in omnibus rebus et locis sicut carta quam predicti canonici habent de predicto Willelmo Briwerre testatur. Et ut hec mea confirmacio rata stabilis et inconcussa permaneat ⁊ presentem cartam secreto sigillo meo quia generale signum meum ad tunc non habui ⁊ presentibus domino Willelmo Briwerre Exon' episcopo et domina Alicia Briwerre et domina Ysabella de Dour' et omnibus testibus subscriptis ⁊ sigilli mei inpressione roborauī. Et ad maioris testimonii securitatem . dominus Willelmus Exon' episcopus ad petitionem meam donec huic confirmacioni meae signum meum generale inprimatur ⁊ sigillum suum apposuit. Hiis testibus . domino Willelmo Exon' episcopo . magistro Richardo Albo .

¹ Sic.

Galfrido Cophin . Willelmo de Horsye . Thoma Maudut . Hugone Wac . Radulfo Springham . Thoma pincerna . Yuone de Essel' . Henrico clerico . et multis aliis.

TWO SEALS on tags: (i) pointed oval, $3\frac{3}{8} \times 2$ in.; pink. The Bishop [of Exeter], with mitre, standing, his right hand raised in benediction and holding a pastoral staff in his left; ✠ SIGILLU . WILLU;

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, $2\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in.; pink. The Virgin and Child seated on a bench, in base beneath an arch a kneeling figure in adoration; legend missing.¹

(ii) pointed oval, $1\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{7}{8}$ in.; pink. An eagle displayed; ✕ SIGILLVM : SECRETI :

Ralf Gernun was son of Osbert de Gladefen and brother of Roger Gernun and Oliver de Gladefen (*Bracton's Note Book*, No. 564). In 1202 William Briwerre offered 500 marks for the marriage of Hugh de Morville's daughter with her inheritance for his son Richard or, failing him, for his nephew Ralf Gernon (*PR 4 John*, 256). It seems that a sister of William's must have married Osbert de Gladefen. William gave Lavington (c. 1215) to Roger Gernun in marriage (*Note Book*, No. 1687). William Briwerre, bishop of Exeter, must have belonged to the family; probably he was another nephew of William. In 1208 William Briwerre, clerk, *nepos* of William Briwerre, was presented to the church of Braunton in the Exeter diocese (*Rot. Lit. Pat.* i. 86 b). Hugh Wake was son of Baldwin Wake by Isabel daughter of William Briwerre the elder. She was ultimately coheir of her brother William the younger. William the elder cannot have been dead when this charter was made, for his soul's health is not mentioned. He died in 1226. The bishop was consecrated on 21 Apr. 1224. Ralf Gernun is still so young that he has not acquired his full seal.

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Charter of William Briwerre granting to Mottisfont priory, Hants, all his land of 'Hulle'. (1217-23)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus Briwerre pro salute anime mée et Beatricis uxoris mée et Willelmi Briwerre filii mei . necnon et pro animabus regum Henrici . Ricardi . et Johannis . dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et ecclesie sancte Trinitatis de Motesfont' et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo seruientibus . in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam de Hulle . quam habui et tenui de Roberto de Mandeuille . saluo seruicio ad eundem Robertum et ad heredes suos pertinente . cum omnibus pertinentiis eiusdem terre . in redditibus terris et seruiciis tenencium predictae terre . in boscis etiam et planis et pascuis . in aquis et semitis . et omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad ad² predictam terram pertinentibus in omnibus locis et in omnibus rebus . saluo etiam seruicio domini Regis quantum pertinet ad tantum terre. Et preterea dedi et concessi predictis canonicis viuarium quod est in eodem tenemento . scilicet illud quod proximum est de Braisfelde . ad faciendum annuatim anniuersarium meum . et etiam ad augmentum elemosine et hospitalitatis predictae ecclesie de Motesfont'. Et preterea remisi et quietaculaui a me et heredibus meis predictis canonicis et hominibus eorum de prefata terra de Hulle tenentibus sequelam hundredi mei de Sumburne . et placita foreste quantum ad me et ad heredes meos pertinet. Et ego quidem prenominate Willelmus Briwerre' et heredes mei warantizabimus predictis canonicis prefatam terram cum

¹ Cf. BM 1547, with legends, though incomplete.

² *Sic.*

pertinentiis suis contra omnes mortales. Et ut hec mea donacio et hundredi et foreste sequele . quieta clamacio . rata stabilis et firma permaneat : presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione roborau. Hiis testibus . domino Willelmo de Scorewelle tunc vicecomite de Sudh' . Wimudo¹ de Ralie . Roberto de Blakeford . Philippo de Furneaus . Galfrido Cophin . Waltero senescallo de Rumes' . Galfrido de Sumburn' . magistro Rogero de Baggetor . Ada clerico . Rogero filio Euerardi clerico . magistro Simone persona de Fernl' . Ada de Brug' . Waltero Poys . Galfrido clerico et multis aliis.

SEAL on green cord: round, 2 in.; green. A mermaid, double-tailed, holding one tail with her left hand;
✠ SIGILLVM WILLELMI BRIWERRE:

For William Briwerre see *DNB* and No. 466 *n.* According to a charter of King John (*Rot. Chart.* i. 39) his grandfather William held land in Hampshire and the forestership of the forest of Bere in the time of Henry I, and his great-grandfather in that of the Conqueror. He founded the priory of Mottisfont before 1204, when King John by charter confirmed the earlier benefactions (*Mon.* vi, pt. i. 483). William of Shorwell became deputy sheriff at Michaelmas 1217 and his successor occurs at Christmas 1223. Another charter of William Briwerre (*Mon.* vi, pt. i. 481, No. iii) is contemporaneous, having the same witnesses. He married Beatrix de Valle (Oliver, *Monasticon Exoniense*, 173) and died in 1226.

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Charter of Hugh de Coulonces confirming to Mottisfont priory, Hants, the land of Mottisfont given them by William Briwerre, and giving them Cadbury in addition thereto. He quitclaims to the canons the service of an eighth of a knight which William Briwerre had owed. (Early 13th century, before 23 Oct. 1204)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 482, 'ex cod. MS. in Scacc. penes Remem. Regis, fo. 36, n. 35'.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo de Colunc' concessi et presenti carta confirmau pro salute mea et meorum . et pro animabus antecessorum et parentum meorum deo et beate Marie uirgini et canonicis beate Trinitati seruientibus aput Motesfund' donum quod Willelmus Briwerre eis dedit et concessit de terra de Motesfund' . et in augmentum terre illius totam terram de Cadebiri . scilicet ab angulo terre de la Le usque ad locum ubi uie de Radewei et de Mulnewei conueniunt . et ab eodem loco usque ad angulum terre Mathei de Columbar' et extenditur ab eodem angulo per terram Rogeri Rubout . et terram Ricardi de Denebrige usque ad Hettam . scilicet totam landam . et drauam sub molendino de Hacle uersus Motesfand'¹ . et quietam clamaui predictis canonicis octauam partem unius militis quod Willelmus Briwerre mihi debuit de terra de Motesfund'. Et concessi quod predicti canonici habeant et teneant omnes predictas terras bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus ad eas pertinentibus . per seruicium xij denariorum . mihi et heredibus meis annuatim redendorum scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio et seculari exactione. His testibus Hereberto clerico de Burhtun' Roberto de Vaudri . Ricardo de Vendeure . Roberto filio Nigelli . Roberto Cotele . Adam de Galrug' . Ricardo de Bosintun' Eadwardo de Pancet . Radulfo de Sumburn' . et multis aliis.

¹ sic.

SEAL¹ on pink cord: round, c. 2½ in. when perfect; tinted red. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, fretty a canton on the sinister side; ✠ SIG

Hugh derived his name from Coulonces, dép. Calvados, near Vire. His ancestor Richard de Coulonces died in 1125 leaving a large family, of whom Hugh, the eldest, succeeded him (Orderic, ed. le Prévost, iii. 17). Thomas, probably Hugh's son, witnesses charters of Henry II *circa* 1170 and 1172 (Delisle, *Recueil des actes de Henri II*, i. 446, 580). Between 1185 and 1189 Henry II confirmed the grant of Thomas de Coulonces and Hugh his son of the church of St. Jean-des-Baisants, dép. Manche, near Torigny, to the abbey of St. Lô (ibid. ii. 366). Hugh the son must be the present grantor. He witnessed a charter of Richard I at Montrichard in 1190 and in 1197 was one of those who swore to observe the treaty between Richard and the count of Flanders (Landon, *Itin.* 35, 118). He adhered to Philip II in 1205, and at Rouen on 13 Nov. was one of the Norman barons who certified the rights which the kings of England had against the Norman clergy (CDF, No. 1318). His land at Stebbing, Ess., was forfeited (*Fees*, 615). He figures in the registers of Philip II as holding 2 fees in the bailiwick of Vire, one of them at Vaudry dép. Calv. (*Rec. des hist. de France*, xxiii. 707). His younger brother Thomas held of him 4 fees which owed service to the castle of Torigny (ibid. 611). Hugh's gift of Cadbury was confirmed by John in a charter dated at Woodstock 23 Oct. 1204 (*Mon.* vi. 483).

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Notification by Robert de Tiptoft, the king's justice in West Wales, that he has conveyed to the Mottisfont priory a site outside Carmarthen to hold for one burgage.
Carmarthen: 27 Apr. 1283

BS FACSIMILE.

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus literas presentes inspecturis . Robertus de Tibothot domini regis in Westwalia Justiciarius salutem in domino sempiternam. Nouerit uniuersitas vestra nos ex parte domini regis tradidisse et concessisse priori et conuentui de Motesfunte quendam placiam cum suis pertinenciis que iacet extra murum ville de Keremardin ex parte orientali . inter placiam que quondam fuit Nichol le King et placiam Ade Scadan . que quidem placia profectum nullum ante presentem traditionem et consessionem² cuiquam conferebat. Habendam et tenendam totam dictam placiam de domino rege aut de quolibet alio qui pro tempore loco domini regis dominium ville de Keremardin optinuerit . loco unius burgagii : dictis priori et conuentui de Mot' et successoribus suis seu assignatis suis libere et quiete . bene . et in pace in perpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim dicti prior et conuentus . successores sui uel assignati sui domino de Kerem' qui pro tempore fuerit duodecim denarios ad duos anni terminos . ad Pascha sex denarios . et ad festum sancti Michaelis vj denarios . pro omnibus seruiciis . querelis et demandis et secularibus exactionibus. In cuius rei testimonium literas presentes sigilli mei inpressione roborau. Hiis testibus . domino Willelmo de Canwile milite . domino Petro Lof . Waltero de Pardithon' tunc constabulario de Kerem' . Roberto Jafes tunc preposito eiusdem ville . Meilr' Wathan . Nicholao Simund . Alexandro le cachepol . et multis aliis. Datum in castro de Keremardin anno regni regis Edwardi undecimo . quinto kal' Maii.

¹ Cf. CDF, No. 1318.

² Sic.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1 in.; green; broken at bottom. Shield of arms, a saltire lozengy; ✠ S. ROBE[RTI DE] TIBOTOT Cf. BM 13942

Robert de Tiptoft became justice of South Wales and governor of Cardigan and Carmarthen castles in 1280–1, an office he held until his death in 1298 (*DNB*). A survey of Carmarthen and its appurtenances made in 1275 'shows this ancient centre of royal authority in a state of indifferent repair and bringing but a poor revenue to its owner' (J. E. Lloyd, *History of Wales*, ii. 751).

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Charter of Robert de Mandeville confirming to Mottisfont priory, Hants, the gift which their advocate William Briwerre made of the land of 'Hulle'. (1217 or a little later)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit : Robertus de Mandeuill' salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute anime mée et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum ratam et gratam habuisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Trinitatis de Motesfont' et canonicis eiusdem loci donacionem quam dominus Willelmus Briwerr' aduocatus eorum eis fecit de terra de Hulle cum pertinentiis sicut carta quam dictus Willelmus Briwerr' de me habuit : melius et plenius purportat. Et ut hec mea ratahabicio et confirmacio rate stabiles et inconcusse permaneant : presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione roborau. Hiis testibus . Jordano de Clinton' . Roberto de Blakeford . Rogero de Vilers . Rogero de Bray . Thoma de Hocton' . Waltero Poys . Galfrido de Blakeford . Nicholao de Scirle Johanne de Winhecumb' . Henrico de Timbrebir' . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, quarterly, second and third quarters vair; ✠ SIGILLU' ROBERTI D MANDEVILL'

477

BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of William Harengod, son of Ralf Harengod, quitclaiming to Mottisfont priory all his claim in two mills in Longstock, Hants (*Langestok*), 'sita sub uno cumulo in una domo' near the village of Stockbridge, Hants (*Stokbrigge*), on the eastern side of the king's highway which leads from Stockbridge to Longstock, and in all lands, tenements, rents, &c., which the priory holds of the fee of the abbess of Winchester by the gift of William Bruwere, son of William Bruwere, as the charter of the said William bears witness; to hold in free, pure, and perpetual alms, saving the services due to the church of St. Mary of Winchester. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . dominis . Matheo de Columbar' . Ricardo Portesi . Ricardo Esturmi militibus . Ada de Bukesgate . Roberto de la Dune . Thoma de Lecford . Ricardo de Wellop . Willelmo de Draieton' . Galfrido Bonere . Willelmo Fuzel . Johanne le Heyr de Langestok' . Ricardo le Queinte . Roberto de Rumbrigg' et multis aliis.' (Mid 13th century; after 1242.)

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, three fishes hauriant; ✠ SIGILLU' WILLELMI : HARENGOD :

The grantor's father Ralf was living in 1242–3 (*Fees*, 708); four of the witnesses attest No. 479 which is dated 1256.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Notification by Brother Ralf prior of (Cold) Norton and William rural dean of Oxford that there appeared before them, acting under the authority of papal letters, Simon rector of the church of (East) Wellow (*Welewe*) claiming against the prior and convent of Mottisfont (*Motesfont*) the tithes of Oakley, Hants (*Hackel*), as pertaining to his church; *post multas altercationes*, Simon having seen the title-deeds (*instrumentis*) of the canons admitted that he had no right to the said tithes and renounced his claim. They have therefore absolved the canons from the said claim, imposing perpetual silence on Simon and his successors. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus . magistro Thoma de Clipston' . magistro Thoma de Warewic . magistro Willelmo de Baldac . domino Rogero de Scaccario . magistro Johanne de Teyse . magistro Ada de London' . Georgio de Dour' . et multis aliis.' (1212-36.)

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $1 \times \frac{5}{8}$ in.; brown. The lamb and flag to the sinister; ✠ SIGILLUM WILLELMUM DE

No papal letter appointing these judges delegate seems to have been preserved and the evidence of date is slight. Ralf occurs as prior of Cold Norton in 1235 (*VCH Oxon.* ii. 97); his predecessor S. occurs in 1212 (*ibid.*), and his successor, Walter de Wilton, was admitted in 1236 after an election had been quashed (*Reg. Grosseteste*, LRS, xi. 447).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words.

Charter of Waleran (*Walerandus*) de Monceaux confirming to Mottisfont priory all the lands which they held of his fee in Eldon (*Ellenden*) and Compton in King's Somborne, Hants, on the day of the completion of this charter; to hold in free and perpetual alms subject to a yearly render of 5 shillings and 8 pence, half at Michaelmas and half at Easter, according to the charters of Waleran de Munceaux, his grandfather, and William de Munceaux, his father, and saving the king's service as much as pertains to so much land of the said fee, as in scutages only when they fall due: granting also that the said prior and canons be quit for ever of all suits of his courts, reliefs, and all manner of aids and gifts which may in any event accrue to him from the said lands. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus dominis Matheo de Columbar' . Roberto de Anesy militibus . domino Oliuero senescallo sancti Swithuni Wint' magistro Radulfo de Suwik' Roberto de la Dune . Ada de Buckesgat' Andrea de Hocgton' . Ricardo de la Dene . Petro de Denebrigg' Ricardo le Queynte . Johanne de Fonte Willelmo de Compton' et aliis.' Winchester: 21 Oct. 1256.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 in.; grey. Shield of arms, a bend; * S' WALERANDI DE MONCEU

See Round, *King's Serjeants*, 92-9.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words.

Charter of Robert Burnel giving to Robert Gierreberd and Agnes his wife all his manor of Upper Somborne, Hants (*Opsomburne*), with all its appurtenances and with all other things there on which distress can be levied in stock as well live as dead; to hold to Robert and Agnes and to the heirs and assigns of Robert of the chief lords of that fee by the services due and accustomed, rendering yearly to the donor during his life 24 marks sterling. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . dominis Johanne de Grimstede Hugone de Escote militibus . Hugone de Braibef . Edmundo de Suttone . Nicholao de la Bertone . Nicholao Trenchefoil . Andrea Payn Johanne clerico et multis aliis.' Upper Somborne: 13 Dec. 1301.

SEAL on tag: round, $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, a lion rampant surmounted by a bend lozengy; * S . ROBERTI . B EU ~

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

Letters patent of Edward le Despenser, lord of Glamorgan and Morg', notifying that, whereas he had given to Henry de Yakesleye for his good service all the lands and tenements, rents and services beside (*iuxta*) Upper Somborne, Hants (*Upsomborne*), which had come to him through the death of Henry Bradeweie to hold for his life rendering yearly therefor a rose at midsummer, he has now released and quitclaimed the said lands, &c., to Henry de Yakesleye to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, by hereditary right for ever, rendering yearly to the grantor and his heirs a rose at midsummer and performing the services due and accustomed to the chief lords of that fee. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus . dominis Hugone Camoys Johanne de Hedingdon' Bernardo Brocas militibus . Waltero Haywode Willelmo Hoghton' Ricardo Scoteneye et aliis.' Tewkesbury: 20 June 1364.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, quarterly a fret in the second and third quarters, over all a bend; above a helmet crest, rising from a coronet a griffin's head between wings; on either side four shields on lozenges, one bearing chevrons [for CLARE]; on a vertical scroll surrounding the main shield and crest; S' EDWARDI . LE DE . SPENCER

Henry Bradeweie died in 1361 holding land in Little Somborne and leaving a son John (*VCH Hants*, iv. 481). Edward le Despenser was son of another Edward, second son of Hugh le Despenser the younger, whose heir he eventually was; he had livery of the lands of his uncle Hugh, his father's elder brother, on 26 Mar. 1357 (*CP*, 2nd ed. iv. 274 et seq.).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Notification by Thomas Welle, son and heir of Thomas Welle, and of Agnes his wife, late of Bambridge (*Bambryge*) in Twyford, Hants, and kinsman and heir of Henry Bradweie, otherwise called Henry Dumbleton, that he has quitclaimed to Joan Gilbert, widow, kinswoman and heir to John Rocle, all his estate and title in the manor of Upper Somborne, Hants (*Upsomburn*'), and in all those lands and tenements, &c., which once belonged to the said John Rocle in Upper Somborne, Netherden, Crawley (*Crauley*), and Romsey, Hants, and he will warrant the said manor, lands, and tenements, &c., to the aforesaid Joan Gilbert, her heirs and assigns, against Richard abbot of the monastery of St. Peter of Hyde and his successors. 'In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Et quia sigillum meum quam pluribus est incognitum ideo sigillum commune ciuitatis Wintonie presentibus apponi procuraui.' 26 Apr. 1501.

Two SEALS on tags: (i) red; no impression.

(ii) pointed oval,¹ $3\frac{1}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; grey-green. A triple-towered castle; ✠ SIGILL' : CIVIVM : WINTONIE CIVIVM.

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, $2\frac{1}{8} \times 1\frac{7}{16}$ in. Between a cross above and a tree below, three bars with the letters CONFIR / MATIO / SIU'IS

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BS FACSIMILE, first 15 words. Indented.

Indenture witnessing that John Talbot, knight, 'dominus de Furnyvale' son and heir apparent of John earl of Shrewsbury (*Salop*'), has released and quitclaimed to John Fray, chief baron of the exchequer, all his right and claim in the manor of Great Munden (*Munden Furnyvale*) and in the advowsons of the church of [Great] Munden and of the priory of Rowney, Herts. (*Rownehey*); reserving to the said John Talbot the homage and service of one knight's fee for the said manor to be performed by John Fray, his heirs

¹ Illustrated in Jewitt and Hope, *Corporation Plate*, i. 290-1, with discussion of the legend on the counterseal.

and assigns, being tenants of the said manor to John Talbot and his heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Radulfo domino de Cromwell Radulfo domino de Sudeley Johanne Fortescu milite capitali iustic' de Banco domini Regis Ricardi Neweton' milite . capitali iustic' de communi Banco domini Regis et multis aliis.' 14 Nov. 1447.

No seal or tag shown.

The grantor was the son of John Talbot, created earl of Shrewsbury in 1442, by Maud daughter of Thomas Neville by Joan daughter and heir of William de Furnival lord Furnival (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 589–92). The grantee became a baron of the exchequer in 1425–6, second baron in 1435, and chief baron in 1436; he ceased to hold office in 1448 and died in 1461 (Foss, *Judges of England*). For Great Munden, otherwise Munden Furnival, see *VCH Herts.* iii. 125. In 1285 Gerard de Furnival enfeoffed John de Kirkeby, bishop of Ely, of the manor and advowson, from whom it ultimately came to Thomas Hayward; on his death in or shortly before 1447 it was sold to John Fray. The present transaction thus regulated the terms of an existing subtenancy from Furnival and since it did not create a new tenancy it did not infringe the provisions of the statute *Quia Emptores*. It is witnessed by both chief justices.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words.

PRINTED: *Mon.* iv. 343, 'ex autographo in bibl. Hattoniana'.

Charter of Agnes Selby 'priorissa domus siue prioratus de Rowheiney alias dicti de Rowenea alias Reueneia alias dicti monialium sancti Johannis Baptiste de Mundene alias Rownay' and the convent of the same, reciting that the house has become so impoverished that it is no longer possible for them to sustain themselves and the house, nor to perform the obligations imposed by the purposes of the foundation nor to repair the church and buildings which are ruinous and collapsing; considering also that John Fray the true patron of the house has the pious intention that all the rents and income shall be devoted to pious uses for the souls of the founders and benefactors of the priory: they by unanimous consent give and restore to him the church and their house or priory together with all its possessions to hold to the said John Fray, his heirs and assigns. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Thoma Waldgraue armigero Johanne Leynham mercator Willelmo Brown jentelman Radulfo Grey jentleman Johanne Drylond et aliis.' The chapter house at Rowney: 11 Sept. 1457.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $2\frac{5}{8} \times 1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; red. Within a canopied niche the standing figure of a saint; ~~Mo~~[n]ast de ~~R~~owney

For Rowney priory see *VCH Herts.* iv. 434. John Fray carried out his pious intentions, for by letters patent of 22 June 1458 the king granted him a licence to found a chantry in Great Munden church, which existed till its dissolution in the reign of Edward VI (*Mon.* iv. 343).

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BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Charter of Cristiana Ledet giving to her son Gerard de Furnival the homage and service of John son of Robert de Kateloyne and his heirs which John owes for the tenement which he holds of the donor in Great Munden, Herts. (*Mondene Furnival*); to hold to Gerard, his heirs and assigns, of the donor and her heirs. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Willelmo de Alisford' . Ricardo de Friuyl' . Galfrido de Brokhole . Willelmo de Madle . Henrico Enstance . Johanne de Mondene . Roberto fratre eius . Johanne Bastard . Johanne Foliot et aliis.' (1262–71.)

Tag only for seal.

For the Ledet family see *BHRS* xiii. 327. Cristiana was daughter and heir of Wiscard Ledet; she married firstly Henry of Braybrooke, who died in 1234 leaving by her a son Wiscard who inherited her lands and

took the name of Ledet. She next married Gerard de Furnival, father of the present donee, who died in 1241 or 1242 in the Holy Land; she married as her third husband Thomas de Grelley, baron of Manchester, who died in 1262. She died in 1271. This gift seems to have been made during her third widowhood.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words. French.

Declaration of uses by William Fraunk, knight, to Robert Hanley, knight, Robert of Cumberworth, John of Waltham, Nicholas Hatclyff, John Tredgold, parson of the church of Laceby (*Laysceby*), and John of Grainthorpe (*Germethorp*), parson of the church of Rothwell, whom he has enfeoffed of all his manors, lands, and tenements, rents, services, reversions, &c., in the county of Lincoln (*Nichole*). Firstly before all else there be paid as soon as may be from the said manors, lands, and tenements to John of Waltham, clerk, the 124 marks which he lent him in his great necessity, in case it be not paid by his lady of Norfolk and the sheriff of Lincoln. On the testator's death Margery his wife to have 40 marks from the issues of the said manors, &c., and to be dowered in the third part of all his manors, &c., and besides her dower of the manor of Saltfleetby to have the other two-thirds of that manor for life. If he shall have male issue, after payment of the testator's debts and full performance of his will (*volunte*) such issue to be discreetly governed by the said feoffees and on attaining full age to be enfeoffed in fee simple in all the manors, &c., aforesaid; when he can be married well and without disparagement the profits of such marriage to be applied for the benefit of his sisters if living, and if they be dead for the soul of the testator and his ancestors and in payment of the testator's debts at the discretion of the feoffees. If he die without male issue and if his eldest daughter Elizabeth be married by the advice of the said feoffees to a gentleman (*gentills home*) who will undertake and give sufficient security to bear the testator's arms entire, then after payment of his debts and performance of his will, he and the said Elizabeth to be enfeoffed in the said manors, &c., to them and the heirs male of their bodies bearing the said arms. If they die without such male issue, or if the husband (*baron*) of Elizabeth or their heirs male refuse to bear the arms, then to the second and other daughters of the testator successively on the same conditions. If Elizabeth be married as aforesaid and the testator's intent respecting her take effect, the other daughters to be made nuns in houses of good repute or married in accordance with their degree and from the profit of the marriage of Elizabeth and from the issues of the said manors, &c.; at the discretion of the feoffees each daughter who shall be a nun to have during her life 40 shillings towards her maintenance and clothing. If all the daughters shall die without heirs male of their body willing to bear the said arms or shall become nuns, then the said Margery to have the said manors, &c., for her life, and after her death Roger son of Walter de Berneston' to be enfeoffed of them to him and the heirs male of his body upon the same conditions as to the said arms; failing whom to his brother George and the heirs male of his body on the same conditions; failing whom to William de Belesby and the heirs male of his body on the same conditions; failing whom to Thomas de Kidale and the heirs male of his body on the same conditions; failing whom to remain to the right heirs of William Fraunk the testator. £100 received from the issues of the said manors, lands, and tenements to be expended at the discretion of Roger of Cumberworth and John of Waltham, clerk, in the manner which the testator has requested of them and as may seem good to them. If any daughter inherit the said manors, &c., William of Northorpe to have during his life 40 shillings out of the manor of Ashby cum Fenby (*Askeby*), and if an heir male of the testator's body inherit, William to have £40 in money and no more. The testator requests that his debts be paid and his will performed before enfeoffments are made in the said manors. If the feoffees are unwilling to do his will, then he releases and quits to the feoffees and their heirs and assigns all the right he has or could have in the said manors for himself and his heirs. 'En tesmoignance de queles choses a ceste remembrance ou escrit iay mys sibien mon signet come mon seal de mes armes.' London: 2 May 1383.

SEAL on strip cut rather more than half-way across document, riband below torn off: round, 1 in.; red. Couched shield of arms, a saltire engrailed; above a helmet with lambrequin crest, rising from a chapeau an animal, probably a lamb, passant to the dexter; billi : frank :

On 5 Dec. 1384 a commission of *oyer et terminer* was issued on the complaint of John duke of Lancaster that certain persons named, not the present feoffees, had ejected him from land in Fillingham, Lincs., belonging to him until the majority of William son and heir of William Fraunk, knight (*Cal. Pat. Rolls, Ric. II*, ii. 507); William the father was living in 1381 (*ibid.* 88). This suggests that the present William had only lately come of age in 1383. In 1424 there is mention of a tenement in Louth belonging to William Fraunk, knight (*Cal. Close Rolls, Hen. VI*, i. 184). In 1431 Walter Tailboys and others held land in Somercotes, Saltfleetby, Louth, Ashby, and Clee of the feoffment of William Fraunk, knight (*FA* iii. 353, 354, 361), which seems to identify the lands here in question. In line 6 above 'Ma dame de Northfolk et le viscount de Nicole' is interlined above 'notre seigneur le roi dengleterre et per John Philipot de Londres', which is cancelled. Professor Plucknett has been so good as to look at this document. He points out that Fraunk had already made his will, doubtless dealing with chattels only.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 10 words. Indented.

Charter of John de Chilton giving to Robert, son of Robert, son of Robert de Clifford, lord of Ellingham (*Elyngham*), and to Elena his wife, John's daughter, the manor of Murton beside Norham (*Morton*); to hold to the said Robert and Elena his wife of the chief lords of that fee by the services due and accustomed. If Elena die without heirs of her body begotten by Robert, then to the said Robert and the heirs of his body. If the said Robert die without heirs of his body, then to the aforesaid Robert lord of Ellingham for his life and after his decease to John, brother of Robert son of Robert, and the heirs of his body. If the said John die without heirs of his body, then to Thomas his brother. If Thomas brother of John die without heirs of his body, then to Andrew son of the aforesaid Robert, lord of Ellingham, and the heirs of his body. If Andrew die without heirs of his body, then to Roger his brother and the heirs of his body. If Roger die without heirs of his body, then to John his brother and the heirs of his body. If John die without heirs of his body, remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid Robert lord of Ellingham. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Roberto de Manerio tunc constabulario castri de Norham dominis Roberto Gray Thoma Gray Roberto de Hornecliff militibus Roberto de Hagarston' Ricardo de Clifford Roberto de Tuggall' Patricio de Gossewick et multis aliis.' Murton: 16 Nov. 1328.

Tag only for seal.

It will be noted that this elaborate settlement is entirely for the benefit of the Clifford family; if Elena outlived Robert and had issue by a second husband she and her children would take nothing, although she had no issue by Robert. Robert de Clifford, the son of Robert lord of Ellingham, was already dead at the date of this charter, and his son Robert, the husband of Elena, died without issue in his grandfather's lifetime. On the death of Robert in 1339, therefore, the remainder to John de Clifford took effect. He murdered John de Coupland, a warden of the Marches, whereupon his lands were confiscated and given in 1366 to Joan de Coupland, the widow of his victim: see *Northumberland County History*, ii. 243.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 18 words. Indented.

Indenture between William de Aton', knight, and Marmaduke Constable of Flamborough (*Fleynburgh*), knight, witnessing that William has granted and leased to Marmaduke the wardship of all lands in the village of Holme upon Spalding Moor being in his hands by reason of the nonage of Gerard son and heir of John Saluayn son and heir of Gerard Saluayn to hold until the full age of the said heir; rendering yearly to William 10 marks sterling at the two terms, namely the feast of St. Martin and Pentecost in equal portions. If it happen that the said heir die under age William grants that Marmaduke have the wardship of the said lands from heir to heir until one of the heirs of the said Gerard be of full age; rendering to

William 10 marks on the terms aforesaid. If the said rent be 40 days in arrear William has power to distrain or at his option to enter and repossess the said lands. Sealing clause. York: 5 Nov. 1369.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Within a cusped panel a couched shield of arms, quarterly, second and third quarters vair, over all a bendlet; above a helmet with lambrequin crest, probably the upper part of an animal's head with horns, between which and surmounting the head a bird; S' MARMEDVC CVNSTABLE

Marmaduke Constable of Flamborough was sheriff of Yorkshire 1366-7. His will dated 18 Mar. 1377 was proved at York 19 June 1378 (*Testamenta Ebor.*, Surtees Soc. i. 97), his son Robert Constable being one of the executors.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 11 words.

Notification by Katherine, widow of Marmaduke Constable, knight, and daughter of Robert Cumberworth, esquire, Robert Constable of Holme, esquire, John Constable, brother of the same Robert, and Hugh Hercy, sons of the said Katherine. Whereas John de Ask, Thomas fitzWilliam of Mablethorpe (*Malberthorp*'), William Leuenyng, and Marmaduke of Norton by their deed indented dated at Scremby 19 Feb. 1 Hen. IV (1400) gave the manor of Scremby and lands in Scremby, Grebby, and Burgh le Marsh (*Burgh' iuxta Waynefflete*), Lincs., to Thomas Cumberworth son of the aforesaid Robert Cumberworth and to Katherine his wife and the heirs of their bodies, and in default of issue of the bodies of Thomas and Katherine to remain to the aforesaid Robert Cumberworth father of the aforesaid Thomas and the heirs of his body, and in default of issue of the body of the same Robert Cumberworth to remain to the right heirs of the same Robert; be it known that the aforesaid Katherine widow of Marmaduke Constable and daughter of Robert Cumberworth, Robert Constable, John Constable, and Hugh Hercy have ratified and confirmed the estate and possession of the aforesaid Thomas Cumberworth and Katherine his wife saving all benefits accruing to the grantors by reason of the aforesaid gift after the death of the aforesaid Thomas and Katherine his wife if they should die without an heir of their bodies or Thomas without an heir of his body. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus Willelmo Babyngton' milite Iohanne Wasteneys de Hedon' armigero et Ricardo Hawe de Hawe Thoma de Anne et aliis.' 8 Sept. 1428.

Four SEALS on tags: (i) round, c. $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, checky on a chief a lion passant guardant [CUMBERWORTH], impaling (a) a chief [HERCY] and (b) below, arms of CONSTABLE; no legend.

(ii) round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Shield of arms, quarterly, second and third quarters vair, over all a bendlet; *Sigillum* ∴ runstable

(iii) tag only.

(iv) small oval; red. Device of an animal passant to the dexter below a sprig of holly.

Robert Constable, son of Marmaduke (see No. 488 n.) by his will dated 29 Nov. 1400, proved 8 Jan. 1401, appointed his son Marmaduke executor (*Testamenta Ebor.*, Surtees Soc. i. 264); this must be the Marmaduke of the present instrument, who in his will dated 29 June 1404, proved 5 Aug. 1404 (*ibid.* i. 337), mentioned his father Robert and his sons Robert and John. In the pedigree in Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire* (ed. J. W. Clay, ii. 288) a William Constable of Flamborough figures as son of the first Marmaduke and father of the first Robert, but this additional generation presents grave chronological difficulties and is not supported by the wills. A later Robert Constable of Flamborough died 23 May 1488 (*Cal. Inq. p.m. Hen. VII*, i, No. 366) seized of the manors of Scremby and Wainfleet, Lincs.; the issue of Thomas Cumberworth and Katherine and also that of Robert Cumberworth failed, and the ultimate remainder to the right heirs of Robert Cumberworth took effect. It follows that Katherine wife of Marmaduke Constable or her issue became heirs or coheirs of her brother Robert Cumberworth.

PENES RICARDUM YARDLEY DE COM' WARR' GEN'
ANNO 164I

490

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Richard (Beauchamp), earl of Warwick, giving to William Berkeswell and John Weston, chaplains of the perpetual chantry in the chapel of St. Magdalene of Guy's Cliff (*Gybbesclyf*), and their successors being chaplains of the said chantry, his manor of Ashorne and a messuage, a carucate of land and 117 shillings and 10½ pence of rent in Whitnash (*Whitenasshe*) and Wellesbourne (*Wellesburn*), Warw.: to hold to the aforesaid William and John and their successors of the chief lords of those fees by the services due and accustomed, for the support of the said chaplains and their successors to celebrate divine service for the good estate of the king and of the said earl during his life and thereafter for his soul, and for the souls of all those named in a writing of the earl concerning the foundation and establishing of the chantry, and also for the performance of other things specified in the said writing to the value of 20 marks at which the aforesaid manor, messuage, land, and rent were assessed by inquisition before Thomas Hore the king's escheator in the county of Warwick in partial satisfaction of the 24 marks for the gift of which the king by letters patent granted his licence. Warranty and sealing clauses. Warwick: 1 Feb. 1430.

SEAL¹ on tag: round, 2⅞ in.; red; slightly chipped. Within a cusped and pointed panel a couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, a fess between six cross crosslets [BEAUCHAMP], 2 and 3, checky, a chevron ermine [WARWICK]; escutcheon of pretence, quarterly, 1 and 4, three chevrons [CLARE], 2 and 3, quarterly in the second and third quarters a fret over all a bend [DESPENSER]; above a helmet with mantling crest, out of a coronet a swan's head and neck; supporters, dexter, a bear collared and chained, sinister, a griffin collared; [R]ichardus ✠ de ✠ bello ✠ cāpo ✠ Comes ✠ Warrewici ✠ et albemar[lie ✠ dñs] delpēfer et de [ifula]

As early as 1 July 1423 the earl had a licence to found a chantry for two priests in the chapel called 'Gibbeclyf', Warw., and to endow it with lands and rents of the yearly value of 24 marks (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, *Hen. VI*, i. 136). Another licence dated 5 Nov. 1430 was granted to him, specifying the endowment as named in this charter (*ibid.* ii. 100).

PENES ANTONIUM STOUGHTON DE ST JOHN IN COM'
WARR' 164I

49I

BS FACSIMILE. Left-hand side of charter missing, apparently owing to mice or rats.

Charter of Peter de Neville confirming to the priory of the Holy Sepulchre, Warw., the gift of Thomas de la Hethe. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus' Henrico Murdac . Galfrido le Wenur . Gileberto de . . . le Norisun . Petro de la Le . Willelmo Beneyt et aliis.'

SEAL on tag: round, 1⅜ in.; green. On a traceried background a shield of arms, semé of cross-crosslets fitchy three fleurs-de-lis; ✠ SIGILLU' + PETRI + DE + REVIUUA + See Plate III.

The property of the hospital of St. John the Baptist in Warwick passed to 'one Anthony Stoughton, servant to the Queen (a younger branch of the Stoughton's of Stoughton, an ancient family in Surrey)' (Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 333). Anthony died seised thereof leaving a son William 'then 31 years

¹ Cf. BM 7253, his seal after his second marriage.

of age, father of Anthony the present possessor thereof' (Dugdale, loc. cit.). Thomas de la Hethe occurs as a tenant of the earl of Warwick at Claverdon in 1221-2 (*Rolls of the Justices in eyre*, Selden Soc. lix, case 406). Mice have destroyed the name of the village where the gift lay. A Peter de Neville held 4 bovates of the crown by serjeanty in Leics. in 1251-2 (*Fees*, 1282). He may be the same Peter who married Alice daughter and coheir of William de Curli of Budbrooke, Warw. Peter's son Theobald de Neville, together with John de Hastang, son of Alice's sister and coheir, held one fee in Budbrooke of William de Oddingsells in 1295 (Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 462-3). This agrees very well with the hand of the charter, which suggests a date in the middle of the 13th century.

EX CARTIS THOMÆ PELHAM MILITIS

492

BS FACSIMILE, first 6 words. French.

Notification by John de Pelham, knight, reciting the letters patent of Henry IV to the effect that inasmuch as 'our very dear bachelor John Pelham, constable of Pevensey Castle, at our late arrival in England took by force and held to our use our said castle of Pevensey and did other noble and pleasing services for which we are bound to reward him', the king by these present letters has given him the constableness of the said castle, with the fees and wages pertaining thereto, and the demesnes and lands within the marsh of Pevensey to hold to John and his heirs male of his body without any yearly render, the office to revert to the crown should John die without heir male; dated at Westminster, 12 Feb. 1400; and informing all concerned that he John de Pelham, knight, has given and granted the said office, with the fees and wages pertaining thereto, and the demesnes and lands within the marsh of Pevensey, to his son John de Pelham, as fully as belongs to him to do. Sealing clause. Pevensey: 24 June 1415.

SEAL on tag: round, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; red. Within and below a cusped panel a couched shield of arms, three pelicans vulning themselves; above a helmet full-faced crest, a peacock; on either side of the helmet a buckle; sigill : iohannis pelham militis

On BM Add. Roll. 31577 is a copy of the king's grant, but not of Sir John Pelham's. As Henry IV's grant was issued under the seal of the duchy of Lancaster it is not enrolled on the Patent Roll. On 15 July 1396 Roger Ewent or Newent was constable of Pevensey castle (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 14) but a charter dated 29 Dec. 1398 is witnessed by John Pelham as constable of Pevensey (Add. Chart. 30717). He must have been appointed between these dates by John of Gaunt, Henry IV's father and predecessor as duke of Lancaster. For the Pelhams see *Sussex Arch. Coll.* lxi. 53-70, an article by L. F. Salzman, 'The Early Heraldry of Pelham', and *Some Early Pelhams*, by the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Pelham and D. McLean. A pedigree is given in the latter work. The Sir John of this deed died 1429 and was succeeded by his son John who married Joan de Courcy and made the will printed below, No. 498. He was succeeded by his son, another John, who left four daughters.

493

BS FACSIMILE, first 12 words.

Charter of Thomas son of Thomas of Warbleton, Suss. (*Warbelton*), confirming to Ralf de Pelham, clerk, and his heirs all that land which Anselm de Wunte held of the grantor at Kalewestoke in the parish of Warbleton; to hold of the grantor and his heirs to Ralf and his heirs or assigns, rendering therefor to the grantor and his heirs yearly for all demands a peppercorn at Christmas on demand at Ralf's manor at Denygeworthe. Warranty and sealing clauses. Quitclaim to Ralf of the yearly rent of 6 pence formerly received by Thomas and of all services save the peppercorn mentioned above. 'Hiis testibus Mauricio de Ywode . Waltero de Curuur Willelmo de Aqua Willelmo de Parco . Jacobo de Grenle . Simone de Wirch't' . Waltero de Horham Thoma de la Frithe & aliis.' (Oct. 1282 or shortly after.)

SEAL on tag: shield-shaped, $1 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, six lozenges, three, two, and one; * S .
THOMAS DE WARBELITON

The present charter represents the final settlement of a suit between the parties, in which a final concord was made in the quindene of Michaelmas, 10 Edw. I, 1282.

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BS FACSIMILE, first 4 words.

Letters of John Pelham, *armiger*, appointing John Collebrand of Boreham Street (*Boram*), John Sqwyer of Pevensey, and John Merc of Westham his attorneys to sue for, receive, and pay on his behalf and in his name all debts, lands, and tenements, which he has or may have in the county of Sussex, as well within the liberty as without, granting them full power, as regards lands and tenements and things both movable and immovable, of distraining, receiving, attorning, and paying, to be as valid as if done by himself. Sealing clause. Pevensey: 21 Sept. 1398.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ in.; red. Within a cusped panel a shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, three pelicans vulning themselves [PELHAM], 2 and 3, a fess between two chevrons [GREY]; *sigillū : iohannis : pe*

495

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. Indented.

Charter of John Pelham, knight, giving his manor of Treve with the knight's fee, the advowson of the free chapel, and the reversions to John Pelham his son and Alice his wife and the heirs of the body of John. If John die without heirs of his body to revert and remain after the death of Alice to the donor, his heirs and assigns. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Iohanne Bramshete Edmundo Melle Bartholomeo Bolne . Thoma Chambre . Thoma Wodeheithe et multis aliis.' 8 Sept. 1449.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{7}{8}$ in.; red. Couched shield of arms, quarterly, 1 and 4, three pelicans vulning themselves [PELHAM], 2 and 3, ermine on a fess three crowns;¹ above a helmet with mantling crest, a cage, and on each side a buckle; on a scroll with diapered border *sigillum :: iohis :: pelham : militis*

The first witness, John Bramshott, married the donor's daughter, Katherine.

496

BS FACSIMILE, first 8 words. French.

Letters patent of Katherine queen of England mother of the king of England and France and daughter of Charles king of France and lady of Ireland giving to John Pelham the younger, knight, and to Joan de Courcy, his wife, for their support in her service the sum of 50 marks a year from the revenues of her lordships, manors, lands, and tenements both in England and Wales by the hand of her receiver-general in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas until she make other provision for the payment of such 50 marks a year. Sealing clause. Hertford castle: 20 Sept. 1424.

In facsimile: 'per litteram de signeto ipsius Regine.'

SEAL² on strip cut half-way across document, riband below cut to c. an inch from left side of document: round, 3 in.; red; slightly chipped. Beneath a crown a shield of arms, per pale, dexter, quarterly FRANCE (modern) and ENGLAND sinister, FRANCE (modern); supporters, dexter, an antelope, sinister, a wolf,³ both gorged with coronets and chained together with links below the shield; legend between beaded borders ♠ : *Sigillum : Katerin[e filie Caroli] : regis :: francie : regine : anglie [et dom]in[e] : hibernie*

¹ Not identified.

³ Sandford gives another antelope.

² Cf. Sandford, *Genealogical History*, 284; plate 245.

497

BS FACSIMILE, first 9 words.

Charter of John de Pelham, knight, giving to the church of the Holy Trinity of Hastings and the convent there a place called Tornorsland in the parish of Warbleton containing 60 acres of land and 40 acres of heath; to hold to them and their successors of the chief lords of that fee by the services due and accustomed, for the purpose of the construction there of a new priory, inasmuch as the house and church of the aforesaid priory are destroyed and wasted 'per tempestates et cretinam marinam'. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus Rogero Fynelds milite . Vincentio Fynche . Ricardo Cralle . Adam Iwode . Iohanne Penherst et multis aliis.' Warbleton: 12 June 1417. *In facsimile*: Henrici quarti post conquestum xij^o.

By letters patent dated 23 Oct. 1412 the king recites the ruin of the original buildings at Hastings and the fact that Sir John Pelham had granted the priory with the king's licence certain lands at Warbleton upon which they had begun to construct a new church and habitation; the king goes on to grant certain lands in Withyham in augmentation (*Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1408-17, 451*). The present charter must therefore be more a confirmation of a transaction already carried out at any rate in part than an original gift. The note in facsimile at the foot of the charter may possibly have to do with the time of the original gift.

No seal or tag shown.

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'Will' of Sir John Pelham, knight, 20 May 1458.

ORIGINAL: Add. Chart. 29482.

BS FACSIMILE, first 3 and last 20 words. Indented.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum indentatum tripartitum peruenerit Johannes Pelham miles salutem in domino. Cum ego prefatus Iohannes nuper ex cordiali fiducia feoffauerim diuersos homines per diuersas cartas de et in omnibus maneriis terris et tenementis meis cum pertinenciis in comitatu Sussex'. sciatis me prefatum Johannem ultimam uoluntatem meam de omnibus maneriis terris et tenementis predictis fecisse et ordinasse in forma sequenti. In primis volo et ex parte dei omnipotentis predictos meos feoffatos requiro . quod ipsi sinant et permittant Johannam uxorem meam predilectam occupare maneria mea de Laughton' cum hundredo de Sheplake . Notebourne et Chyltyngton' cum aduocacione ecclesie de Chyltyngton' cum pertinenciis et exitus et proficua eorundem maneriorum et hundredi ad usum proprium dicte Johanne recipere durante tota vita dicte Johanne . et quod ipsi feoffati habere faciant supradictam Johannam ad totum terminum vite sue viginti libras usualis monete Anglie de maneriis de Crowehurst Burghershe et Beuilham annuatim per manum heredum meorum seu occupatorum dictorum maneriorum fideliter soluendas. Item uolo quod statim post mortem meam predicti feoffati mei feoffent Johannem Pelham filium meum in maneriis de Burghershe cum hundredo de Haukesbergh' . (Crowhurst cum hundredo de Baldeslowe cum)¹ aduocacione ecclesie de Burghershe (et Crowhurst)¹ una cum foresta seu chacea de Dalyngton' cum omnibus libertatibus et franchises' dictis maneriis et hundredo spectantibus seu pertinentibus . habendum sibi prefato Johanni et heredibus suis masculis (de corpore suo legitime procreatis)².

¹ Cancelled.

² Interlined.

ita quod pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta maneria *hundredum* aduocaciones ecclesiarum et foresta cum pertinenciis supradictis remaneant Willelmo Pelham filio meo et heredibus suis masculis (de corpore suo legitime procreatis)¹ et pro defectu heredis sui masculi omnia predicta maneria *hundredum* aduocaciones ecclesiarum et foresta cum supradictis pertinenciis remaneant Thome Pelham filio meo et heredibus suis masculis (de corpore suo legitime procreatis)¹ et pro defectu heredis masculi de corpore dicti Thome omnia predicta maneria *hundredum* aduocaciones ecclesiarum et foresta cum pertinenciis rectis heredibus meis remaneant imperpetuum. Item volo quod statim post mortem meam feoffent dictum Willelmum filium meum de et in maneriis de Beuilham cum hundredo de Shosewelle cum omnibus libertatibus et proficuis dicto manerio et hundredo spectantibus . habend' sibi et heredibus masculis suis . et pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta manerium et *hundredum* remaneant prefato Johanni Pelham filio meo et heredibus suis masculis . et pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta manerium et *hundredum* remaneant Thome Pelham filio meo et heredibus suis masculis . et pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta manerium et *hundredum* remaneant rectis heredibus meis. (Et eciam quod predicti feoffati statim post mortem dicte Johanne uxoris mee ipso Thoma in plena etate existente / feoffent dictum Thomam de et in maneriis de Notebourne et Chilyngton' cum uniuersis libertatibus et pertinenciis dictis maneriis pertinentibus una cum aduocacione ecclesie)² de Chilyngton' habend' sibi et heredibus suis masculis ita quod pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta maneria cum aduocacione predicta cum pertinenciis remaneant prefato Johanni filio meo et heredibus suis masculis . et si ipse obierit sine herede masculo dicta maneria cum aduocacione remaneant prefato Willelmo filio meo et heredibus suis masculis. Et pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta maneria cum aduocacione rectis heredibus meis remaneant imperpetuum. Prouiso semper quod prefata Johanna uxor mea inueniat prefatum Thomam prout decet in omnibus durante vita dicte Johanne. Et dictus Willelmus statim post mortem meam proficuum manerii de Beuilham et hundredi de Shosewelle cum pertinenciis recipiet ad usum suum proprium. In quorum testimonium cuilibet parti presentis scripti indentati sigillum meum apposui. Dat' vicesimo die mensis Maii anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum tricesimo sexto. Insuper uolo quod statim post mortem dicte Johanne uxoris mee dicti feoffati feoffent dictum Johannem filium meum de et in manerium de Laughton' cum hundredo de Sheplake cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis dicto manerio et hundredo pertinentibus . habendum sibi et heredibus suis masculis . et pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta manerium et *hundredum* cum pertinenciis remaneant prefato Willelmo filio meo et heredibus suis masculis . et si ipse obierit sine herede masculo dicta manerium et *hundredum* cum pertinenciis remaneant predicto Thome filio meo et heredibus suis masculis . et pro defectu heredis sui masculi dicta manerium et *hundredum* cum pertinenciis rectis heredibus meis remaneant imperpetuum. Dat' die et anno supradictis.

¹ Interlined.

² Cancellèd, but it is difficult to believe that this is intended as a cancellation, since the whole of the passage which

follows and the remainders specified in it would become meaningless and of no effect.

Et quia nullus dubium habeat in hoc facto subscripsi nomen meum manu mea propria Johannes Pelham Chiualer Teste Jhesu Christo.¹

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BM 12498

The copy in BS is extremely defective, more than a third of the document being omitted, and in these circumstances it has been thought sufficient to print the original without noting the omissions and variants in BS. The will seems of sufficient interest to justify reproduction *in extenso*, the more so as it seems to throw some light on the provincial draftsmanship of this period. In this connexion attention may be drawn to the fact that the original draftsman used the colloquial term 'heirs male', a limitation strictly speaking unknown to English law; a subsequent corrector started to alter this to the proper term, 'heirs male of his body lawfully begotten', but he tired of the work and left the later occurrences of 'heirs male' uncorrected: the result is a very slipshod instrument. For a discussion of the limitation to 'heirs male' see CP, 2nd ed. vii, App. E. Professor Plucknett comments that 'Pelham has made a "last will". To make it in triplicate is not so usual as to make three separate wills in favour of the three beneficiaries. Each would need a copy as part of his title to the lands.'

EX CARTIS WILLELMI DOMINI CRAUEN APUD COMBE IN COM' WARR' NOUEMB' I64I

499

BS FACSIMILE.

Cited by Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 25, as 'Autographo penes Will. D. Craven'. Indented at top and right-hand side.

Charter of John abbot of Combe, Warw., and the convent of the same granting and binding themselves to Guy le Breton and his heirs to make a daily chantry at the altar of St. Edmund the archbishop in the church of Combe for the souls of William le Breton, father of the said Guy, and of Avice his wife and their ancestors by one particular monk deputed thereto. The abbot and convent shall present two monks to Guy and his heirs of whom they shall accept one to serve the said chantry during his whole life; and when it shall happen that the monk so chosen is prevented from serving by ill health or other good cause, another monk of the house shall be assigned to serve the chantry until the first monk be recovered or shall cease to hold office. When the monk so chosen shall die the abbot and convent shall present two others of whom Guy and his heirs shall accept one, and so on in perpetuity. On each presentation there shall be made an indented schedule between the abbot and convent and Guy and his heirs with the names of those presented, the one accepted, and the form of presentation. For the performance of all this the abbot and convent submit (*obligamus*) themselves and their successors as also their grange under the wood called 'Wodegrange' and their grange of Binley, Warw. (*Bilneye*) to the distrain and coercion of Guy and his heirs until any defect there may be in the said chantry or in presentation be amended to the reasonable satisfaction of Guy and his heirs. Sealing clause. 'Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Hasting' . domino Johanne de Segraue domino Stephano de Segraue domino Johanne de Langel' Willelmo Ryuel Roberto de Stoke Thoma Boydin Henrico de Hokkeleye Rogero de Wappingbury et aliis.' (1333-5.)

SEAL on tag: oval, $1 \times \frac{3}{4}$ in.; mauve. Within a beaded and engrailed border a shield of arms suspended from a tree, two animals in pale to the dexter, possibly pigs; no legend.

John became abbot in 1333 and resigned in 1335 (*VCH Warw.* ii. 75). For Guy le Breton's father, William, see No. 505.

¹ Last sentence in different hand and lighter ink.

500

BS FACSIMILE.

Letters patent of Ernald de Bosco granting to the abbot and convent of Combe, Warw., that they may without hindrance distrain on his fee of Marston, Warw. (*Merston*), so often as he or his heirs or assigns shall make default in payment at the set terms of the rent in which they are bound in respect of the lands formerly of Robert de Normanton' and Maud his wife. 'In cuius rei testimonium presentes litteras sigillo nostro signatas eisdem fecimus patentes. Datum apud fratres minores de Couentr' anno domini M^oCC^oL octauo. Bene valete.' Coventry 1258.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{3}{16}$ in.; green. Suspended from a tree and with a floral sprig on either side a shield of arms, two bars and a canton, a label of five points; ♣ S' ERNALDI . FILI' ERNALDI D' BOSCO.

See note to No. 4 above. The grantor is probably the last Ernald de Bosco who died in 1277 (*Cal. Inq. p.m.* ii, No. 222). This document is not in the cartulary.

501

Charter of Robert of Chetwode and Sibyl, his wife, confirming to Combe abbey, Warw., the gift of Richard de Freville, Sibyl's brother, of Marston mill, Warw. (1200 or soon after)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omibus sancte ecclesie filiis hoc scriptum legentibus uel legi audientibus . Robertus de Chetwde . et Sibille¹ uxor eius salutem. Uniuersitati uestre notum fieri uolumus . quod ego Rodbertus de Chetwde et Sibilla uxor mea concessimus et hac presenti carta confirmauimus deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Cumba donationem illam quam Ricardus de Freuill' . frater predictae coniugis mee Sibille illis donauit . molendinum uidelicet de Mereston' . cum crofto et prato et cum omnibus aliis rebus ad illud molendinum iure pertinentibus . libere et quiete et sine omnimoda quærela in perpetuum possidendum . sicut carta predicti Ricardi de Freuilla testatur. Et ut hoc a nobis et heredibus nostris inuiolabiliter conseruetur . ego Rodbertus de Chetwd' ex consensu et uoluntate prefate coniugis mee pro dei amore et salute animarum nostrarum et heredum et omnium parentum nostrorum / sigilli mei appensione presentem cartam confirmaui. His testibus . magistro Waltero de Domnomartino . Waltero le Bret' . Roberto de Cotes . Johanne fratre eius . Ricardo Pethe¹ . Philippo de Bellomonte . Willelmo Giffard Adam filio Arnulfi . Alexandro del Chetnei¹ . Simone de Brundon' . Willelmo de Dammartin . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: red; fragment showing neck and top of a bird to the sinister; SIGILLU' 6

Richard de Freville's land in Wolston passed to his sisters Agatha and Sibyl, who in 1242-3 held one fee there of John fitzAlan (*Fees*, 950). Agatha married first Hamo Lestrangle, who died about midsummer 1202 (*PR 4 John*, 41), and secondly Geoffrey de Turville. At Westminster 20 Jan. 1200 a final concord was made between Agatha Lestrangle and the abbot of Combe by which the latter recognized that the mill was the right of Agatha, who thereupon granted it to him (*Feet of Fines*, 247/3/52). The present charter was probably made soon after the fine. For the descent of Wolston from Richard de Freville

¹ *Sic.*

see Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 24. Richard Pethe may be identified with Richard Peche, a knight whose name recurs several times in the eyre roll of 1221-2 (*Rolls of Justices in Eyre* . . ., Selden Soc. lix, cases 386, 389, &c.). Alexander de Chesnei was a party to a suit in the same eyre (*ibid.*, case 567).

502

*Charter of William of Arden lord of Radbourn giving to Combe abbey, Warw.,
2 acres in the field of Radbourn, Warw. (circa 1200)*

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus . Willelmus de Ardena dominus de Rodburn' . salutem. Notum sit uniuersitati vestre quod ego Willelmus de Ardena dominus Rodburn' . pro salute mea et meorum et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Cumba in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duas acras in campo de Rodburn' . scilicet in Blachewelle furlung . ex quibus tres dimidie . acre iacent inter terram predictorum monachorum de Cumba et terram monialium de Hinewde . et una dimidia . acra iacet inter terram eorundem monachorum . et inter terram Tome de Heiford . has prenominatas duas acras cum cheuitiis et aliis pertinentiis tenebunt prefati monachi de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete ab omni seruicio et exactione seculari ad me siue ad heredes pertinente et ego hanc terram et heredes mei contra omnes calumpnias warrantizabimus. His testibus Johanne de Lodbroc . Henrico Boscher . Toma filio Guremundi . Stephano filio Ricardi . Willelmo de Sutham . Roberto Balrauon . et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: fragment of equestrian type; red.

For the early history of the Arden family see note to No. 46. There were three generations, all named William, who in succession held land in Radbourn. The first of them was party to a final concord in 1194, entered in the Combe Cartulary (Cott. Vitellius A 1, 121 v.) with other charters of which this is one, all apparently issued by the same William. He may have been a younger son of Thomas of Arden, for a charter of the second William speaks of the 'consent of Thomas of Arden my lord' (*ibid.* 121). Robert Balraven was party to a final concord in 1206 (Feet of Fines, 247/7/16). John of Ladbrooke occurs between 1 John and 25 Henry III (Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 232). In the eyre roll of 1221-2 (*Rolls of Justices in Eyre* . . ., Selden Soc. lix) several of the witnesses appear; John of Ladbrooke (cases 385, 528, &c.), Robert Balraven (case 922), Henry Boscher (case 445), and William of Southam (cases 356, 571). The hand of the charter suits a date early in the 13th century.

503

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of Thomas son of Walter of Astley (*Estleya*) confirming to Combe abbey all the lands and tenures, pastures, rents, and possessions which the monks have of his fee in the village and territory of Marston Jabbett, Warw. (*Merston*'), as the charters of Henry Jabet which they have witness. They shall hold all these with all their appurtenances and liberties and all their men fully, freely, &c., and discharged (*solute*) from view of frankpledge and from all other manner of suit of the grantor's court and from all aid, service, custom, secular exaction, and demand, saving to the grantor and his heirs the homage and relief of John Jabet and his heirs and scutage. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus domino Philippo

Marmiun tunc vicecomite Warwyk' et Leyc' Roberto de Grendon' Johanne de Puntfreyt Roberto de Arnhale tunc clerico vicecomitis. Petro marescallo de Morton' Hugone de Loges Johanne de Wylmecot' tunc senescallo meo Simone Joylin et aliis.' (1249-52.)

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{5}{16}$ in.; green. Shield of arms, a cinquefoil; ✠ SIGILLVM THOME DE ASTLEIA :

Philip Marmion, the witness, became sheriff in 1249; his successor occurs on 6 Feb. 1252. For a pedigree of Astley see Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 74.

504

Charter of Agatha Lestrangle, daughter of Hamo Lestrangle, granting to Combe abbey, Warw., her 'cultura' in the field of Wolston, Warw. (Henry III; after 1242)

BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Agatha le Estrange filia Hamonis le Estrange salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me in uiduitate mea et libera potestate pro salute anime mee et animabus patris mei et matris mee et Ricardi filii mei et omnium puerorum meorum et successorum meorum . dedisse et concessisse . et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et monachis de Cumba in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam culturam meam in campo de Wlrechest' de dominico meo . que extendit se de Bradeweie usque ad curtem molendini de Pirte cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et ego Agatha et heredes mei terram prenominatam prefatis monachis contra omnes homines et feminas warentizabimus in perpetuum. In huius rei testimonio presens scriptum sigilli mei inpressione corroborauī. Hiis testibus . Hamone uicario de Wlrachestun Vilippo de Aisseb' . Willelmo de Ferrariis Johanne filio Henrici . Radulfo de Grendon' . Hugone de Beuent' . Galfrido de Billn' . Galfrido de Willenal' . Roberto de Stoc' et multis aliis.

SEAL on tag: pointed oval, $1\frac{7}{8} \times 1\frac{7}{16}$ in.; green. Standing figure draped with cloak, evidently Our Lady; above her right shoulder the angel of the Annunciation descending; AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA; and outer legend ✠ SIGILLVM : AGATHE LE . STRANGE

For Agatha's parentage see note to No. 501. If William de Ferrers is the son of William earl of Derby, it is probably not much earlier than 1260 (*CP*, 2nd ed. v. 340), but the hand looks rather earlier than that. Agatha's mother was still living in 1242-3.

505

BS FACSIMILE.

Charter of William le Bretun son of Nicholas le Bretun of Long Itchington, Warw. (*Long Huchintona*), giving to Combe abbey in free alms for the health of his soul and of those of all his ancestors and successors 10 *solidatae* of yearly rent which William de Chetwude gave him in marriage with Agnes his daughter, namely, those 10 shillings which the aforesaid monks were bound to render from Pypemulne at the feast of Saint Thomas the apostle before Christmas; to hold to the said monks freely, &c., and discharged (*solute*) from all secular service and demand. Warranty and sealing clauses. 'Hiis testibus. Roberto de Verdun' . Johanne de Puntfreyt . Galfrido de Wylenhal' . Galfrido domino de Bylnaya . Willelmo fratre eius Rogero clerico de eadem . Galfrido cementario de eadem et aliis.' (Late 13th century.)

Fragment of seal on tag: round; green. A fleur-de-lis; MI BR~~E~~TV

The donor's father Nicholas le Breton held a quarter of a fee in Long Itchington in 1235-6 (*Fees*, 509): Dugdale (*Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 241-2) cites a letter of John de Pinkeny to William le Breton ordering him as tenant of land in Long Itchington to attorn to Hugh de Oddingseles: the Guy le Breton of No. 499 was William's son. According to Dugdale (op. cit. 25) William de Chetwode was the son of the Robert de Chetwode of No. 501. These facts point to a date in the latter half of the 13th century. Pypemill must be the same as the mill of Pirte, since presumably the marriage portion of Agnes was derived from Wolston.

EX CARTIS CLEMENTIS THROCKMORTON DE HASELEY IN COM' WARR' ARMIGERI ANNO 1640

506

*Charter of Richard I confirming to Bordesley abbey, Warw., benefactions named.
Westminster; 15 Nov. 1189*

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 65; *Mon.* v. 409, 'Ex autogr. penes Clementem Throgmorton de Haseley in com. Warr.' . militem a. 1630'. Mentioned: Landon, *Itin.*, No. 137.

No seal or tag shown.

507

Charter of William Giffard (the younger) confirming to Bordesley abbey, Warw., the gift made by his uncle, William Giffard, of the land of Songar, Warw. (1153-9)

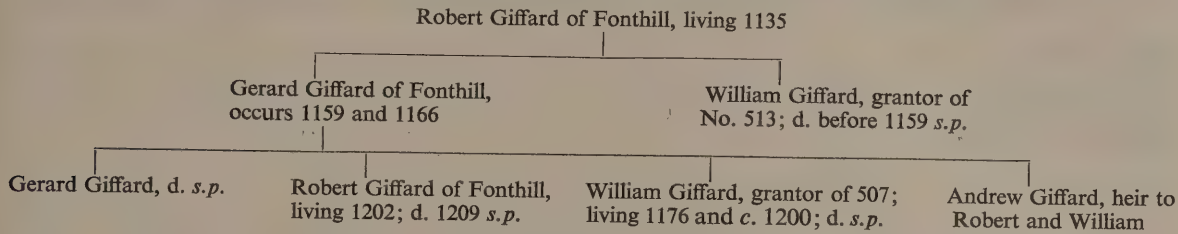
BS FACSIMILE.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Willelmus Gifard salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse illam donationem quam Willelmus Gifard auunculus meus dedit et carta sua confirmavit deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bordesl' . scilicet totam terram de Suhangre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete ab omni exactione . et seruitio seculari . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius . et quietius teneri potest. Hoc autem facio pro anima eiusdem Willelmi auunculi mei et antecessorum suorum et meorum . et pro salute mea . et heredum et amicorum meorum. Quare uolo et benigne concedo . quod predicta ecclesia bene et in pace . libere et quiete . et integre et honorifice hanc donationem in elemosinam iure perpetuo possideat. Testibus . Willelmo Cumin clerico de Snitenesfeld' . Willelmo decano . Rogero de Cherlecot' . Willelmo clerico comitis . Willelmo Cumin domino de Snitenesfeld' . et Roberto fratre eius Girardo Gifard' fratre meo.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.; brown. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, kite-shaped shield, long surcoat; SIGILLVM WILLELMI G

At some time before 1153 William Giffard the elder gave to Bordesley abbey the land of 'Suhanger' in Langley, Warw., now represented by Songar Grange; it had been held by William son of Hunger, who

surrendered it to William for the purpose of this gift. Charters 507, 508, 510, 512, and 513 deal with this land, and it will be observed that except 510, which is the latest, they are entered in BS in their reverse chronological order, 513, the original gift, being the last. The donor was a younger son of the family of Giffard of Fonthill, of which an account is given by General Wrottesley in *Staffordshire Collections* (W. Salt Soc.), N.S. v. 9-13. The following pedigree illustrates the charters here printed.



William Giffard is a frequent witness to charters of Roger earl of Warwick, but he must have held Songar of Geoffrey of Glympton, who confirms the gift to Bordesley (No. 508). Songar doubtless formed part of the 17 fees held of the earl of Warwick by Geoffrey (*RB* 325). Another charter of William Giffard the elder made in the time of Earl William of Warwick (1153-85) states that Songar had been given him by Earl Roger (Bromley Davenport Coll., *Hist. MSS. Com.*, 10th Rep., App. vi. 98). The names of the witnesses suggest that the charter was made some years after William became earl of Warwick. By it William confirmed the gift stating that Songar had been given him by Earl Roger; he stated that his confirmation was conditional on Richard of Dasset and Gilbert his son and William son of Hunger, who claim the land by hereditary right, releasing it to the Church for ever. By another charter of the same collection Andrew Giffard confirms the land to Bordesley for the souls of his uncle William, the donor, and of his own brother William (*ibid.* 101). Robert Giffard must have been the elder brother of William, for he was in possession of Fonthill in 1176 (*PR* 22 Hen. II, 176), while at the same time William appears to have been involved in litigation touching land in Dasset with Gilbert de Unestonescote (*ibid.* 183, 184). This Gilbert is doubtless the Gilbert son of Richard of Dasset of William Giffard the elder's second charter mentioned above. William the elder's rights in Songar appear to have passed to William, the younger brother. The youngest brother, Andrew, was the ultimate heir of both. The present charter is not earlier than 1153, when William Giffard the elder was still living and not later than 1159, when William Cumin of Snitterfield was dead (see No. 509). The Dasset which the Giffards held was Avon Dasset (*Dugdale, Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 380). Presumably the William Giffard who witnesses No. 501 is William Giffard the younger.

508

Charter of Geoffrey of Glympton, Oxon., the chamberlain, confirming to Bordesley abbey, Warw., the gift by William Giffard of the land of William son of Hunger at Songar, Warw. (Mid 12th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED in abstract *Hist. MSS. Com.*, 10th Rep., App. vi. 99 from the original then, 1884, in the possession of W. Bromley Davenport, Esq., of Baginton Hall, Warw.

G. camerarius de Clinton omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis tam futuris quam presentibus . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse donationem illam quam Willelmus Giffard donauit deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bordesleia in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute antecessorum meorum et pro mea propria salute terram scilicet Willelmi filii Hungeri de Sudhangra cum omnibus

pertinenciis suis liberam et quietam ab omni seruicio seculari sicut ipse Willelmus Giffart eam ecclesie predictae de Bordesleia dedit et carta sua confirmauit. Testibus . Roberto de Creft et Rogero filio Willelmi . Simone fratre suo Willelmo filio Radulfi de Tamewrda et Willelmo de Moi Willelmo Estreche de Felcheham Rogero Bastardo de Tameworda Radulfo monacho Winton' Hasteuillano homine Roberti de Creft Engelrammo.

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See note to No. 507.

509

Charter of Walter Cumin giving to Bordesley abbey, Warw., for the soul of his uncle, William Cumin, land beside the road which goes from Snitterfield to Edstone, Warw., and belonged to Robert the chamberlain. (1156-66)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED in abstract, but giving endorsement, *Hist. MSS. Com., 10th Rep., App. vi. 99* from the original, then, 1884, in the possession of W. Bromley Davenport, Esq., of Baginton Hall, Warw.

In nomine patris et filii et spiritus sancti Amen. Notum sit uniuersis filiis sancte matris ecclesie tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Walterius Cumin pro salute mea et sponse mée . et filiorum meorum . et amicorum meorum . et pro anima Willelmi Cumin auunculi mei . et patris mei et matris mée et antecessorum meorum dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam et sigilli mei impressione confirmaui deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bordesl' et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus quandam meam terram que est iuxta chiminum quod uadit de Stintenesfeld' . apud Edrichest' . et adheret terre Walteri de Bristue que fuit Roberti camerarii . liberam et quietam ab omni seruicio et consuetudine seculari. Testibus . Jordano capellano Wirec' . Willelmo Cumin . Roberto clerico de Stintenesfeld' . Ricardo de Hibestoc' . Roberto de Sancto Claro . Willelmo Trussel . et Osberto fratre suo . Rodberto Blundo Willelmo de Sumertun' . Gileberto de Edrichet' . Ricardo fratre suo . Roberto filio Roberti clerici Lefwinus¹ de la Wald' . Roberto fratre eius;

Endorsed: 'Confirmatio Walteri Cumin de quadam terra Suangre.' in a later hand.

SEAL on tag: round, 2 $\frac{1}{16}$ in.; brown. Equestrian, rounded helmet, sword, shield with pointed boss; ✠ SIGILLVM : WALTERI . . VMIN

The donor's uncle, William Cumin of Snitterfield, was still living in 1156 (*PR 2 Hen. II, 45, 59*), but was dead before 1159, when the donor was pardoned 2 marks of scutage (*PR 5 Hen. II, 26*). The grantor died in or not long before 1166, for in the Pipe Roll of that year the sheriff of Gloucestershire paid 40 shillings to John Cumin for a debt due to Walter Cumin and in the record of a sum remitted to Walter Cumin Walter is struck out and John substituted (*PR 12 Hen. II, 78-9*; see also No. 177 above). There is still a Comyns Farm in Snitterfield (*EPNS Warwickshire, 224*).

¹ Sic.

510

Charter of William, earl of Warwick, confirming to Bordesley abbey, Songar, a member of the manor of Brailes, and Oxhill, Warw. (1161-82)

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus comes Warewic' omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse illam donationem quam Willelmus Giffard dedit et carta sua confirmavit deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bordesl' scilicet totam terram de Suhangra cum pertinentiis suis in perpetuam elemosinam . que est pro dimidia hida de manerio de Brailes et unam hidam terre in Occesull' cum pertinentiis suis que fuit Roberti filii Gregorii libere et quiete in perpetuum ab omni exactione . et seruicio seculari sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quietius dari potest. Hoc autem facio pro anima Rogeri comitis patris mei et antecessorum meorum et pro salute mea et Gundr' matris mee et heredum et amicorum meorum. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia bene et in pace et libere et quiete et integre et honorifice hanc donationem in elemosinam iure perpetuo possideat. Testibus . Ricardo episcopo Cestrie . Rogero archidiacono Slobesberie . magistro Hamone . magistro Boso . Gundr' comitissa matre mea . Gaufrido camerario . Willelmo Giffard . Hugone de Ardena . Roberto Murdac . et Thoma fratre eius . Roberto filio Odonis . Johanne de Kintun' . Waltero filio Girardi Willelmo de Cirecestr'.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, shield with boss, long fringed saddle-cloth; ✠ SIGILLVM W . . . LMI COMITIS DE WARCWI.¹

The limits of date are supplied by the episcopate of Richard Peche, bishop of Chester.

511

Writ of Henry II notifying that he has taken the abbey of Bordesley, Warw., under his protection and that the monks are not to be impleaded except before himself. Northampton (1155-8)

ORIGINAL: Add. Chart. 6039.

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: Delisle et Berger, *Recueil des actes de Henri II*, i. 148; *Cal. Chart. Rolls*, ii. 66. Mentioned, R. L. Poole, *Studies in Chronology and History*, 306.

Strip only for seal, riband below torn off.

¹ Sic.

512

Charter of Roger earl of Warwick confirming to Bordesley abbey the land of William son of Hunger at Songar, Warw., as William Giffard gave it. Warwick (Middle of 12th century; not later than 1153)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED in abstract *Hist. MSS. Com., 10th Rep., App. vi.* 99 from the original then, 1884, in the possession of W. Bromley Davenport, Esq., of Baginton Hall, Warw. Mentioned Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 461 as *penes W. Sheldon de Beoley*.

.R: comes Warwic' . omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis . tam futuris quam presentibus . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse illam donationem quam Willelmus Giffard donauit deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bordesleia in perpetuam elemosina pro salute animarum antecessorum meorum et suorum scilicet terram Willelmi filii Hungeri de Suhanger et sicut ipse Willelmus Giffard eam dedit et per cartam suam confirmauit. Testibus. Henrico fratre meo . Henrico dapifero Waltero capellano . Gaufrido camerario Waltero filio Girardi . Edwino de Piru . Apud Warwic'. Valete.

SEAL on strip, riband below: round, c. 2½ in.; yellow; fragmentary. Equestrian to dexter, long shield; no legend. No seal is mentioned *Hist. MSS. Com., loc. cit.* Cf. BM 6262

Earl Roger died 12 June 1153. See note to No. 513.

513

Charter of William Giffard the elder restoring to William son of Hunger his land at Songar, Warw., and granting it in free alms to the use of Bordesley abbey. (Warwick: middle of 12th century; not later than 1153)

BS FACSIMILE.

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W. Giffard omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Notum uobis facio me reddidisse Willelmo filio Hungeri terram suam de Suhanger sicut rectum suum et concessisse ad opus sancte Marie de Bordesleia in perpetua elemosina quietam ab omni seculari seruitio et omni re excepto dei seruitio. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio ut predicta ecclesia predictam terram in pace et quiete et libere teneat. Testibus . Henrico fratre comitis . Henrico dapifero . Edwino de Piru . Waltero capellano Radulfo scriba . Waltero filio Girardi. Valete.

SEAL on strip, riband below torn off: round, c. 2½ in.; yellow; fragmentary. Equestrian, kite-shaped shield with pointed boss, long surcoat, horse walking. The position of the arms suggests the holding of a lance; no legend.

This and No. 512 are in the same hand, presumably that of Ralf the scribe, and are clearly contemporaneous. Ralf was uncertain about the case of 'in perpetuam elemosinam'. Compare the note to No. 507.

514

Charter of the Empress Maud 'founding' Bordesley abbey, Warw., and confirming it in its possessions. Devizes (1142, probably 29 Mar. or 19 Apr.)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: W. de G. Birch, 'A Fasciculus of the Charters of Mathildis, Empress of the Romans', *Journ. of Brit. Arch. Assoc.* xxxi, No. 14 from the original then, 1875, in the possession of William Willes of 35 St. James' Place and Goodrest, Reading; *Mon.* v. 409, 'ex ipso autographo penes Clementem Throckmorton de Haseley in com. Warr. a. 1630'. Discussed: G. H. White, *Trans. R. Hist. Soc.*, 4th ser. xvii. 37.

M. imperatrix H. regis filia et Anglorum domina . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . justic' . vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus Angl' et Norm' tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem. Notum sit uobis me pro dei amore et pro anima H. regis patris mei . et M. regine matris mee . et parentum et antecessorum meorum et pro salute G. comitis Andeg' domini mei . et mea . et H. heredis mei et aliorum filiorum meorum . et pro pace et stabilitate regni Angl' . fundasse abbatiam quandam que dicitur Bordesleia . de ordine Cisterciensi in honore beatissime uirginis Marie regine celorum. Huic autem abbacie dedi et concessi et confirmaui totam terram Bordesleie . et Teneshale . et Ludeshale . et Cobesleie . et Holesweie . preter terram parcarii et totum dominicatum Budifordie . et Northunie . in bosco et plano . in pratis et pasturis in aquis et molendinis . et in omnibus aliis pertinentiis. Preterea ius aduocationis et donationis ecclesie de Terdebiga cum uirgata terre in eadem uilla . et quibusdam sartis prope diuisam terre eiusdem abbacie . et nouum puteum de Wich . de proprio labore suo . et omnia aisiamenta sua . in foresta de Feccaham . cum omni libertate pasnagii et pasture et materierum ad edificia construenda et aliarum rerum usui necessarium¹ . et unam piscariam apud Herneleiam . cum terram¹ que ad eam pertinet. Hec autem omnia libere et quiete in¹ bene et in pace ab omni seruicio et exactione et consuetudine seculari in perpetuum permansura . concedo et sigilli mei impressione confirmo. Testibus Roberto comite Glocestr' et Gualerann' comite Mell' . et Milone comite Hereford' et Willelmo de Pontearch' camerario . et Willelmo de Bellocampo . et Willelmo Diffublato . et Gaufrido de Walteruill' et Goscelino de Baillol . et Roberto de Frumouill'. [Apud Diuisas.]

SEAL² on tag: round, 2½ in.; red. The Empress seated, crowned, a sceptre in her right hand; ✠ MATHILDIS DEI GRATIA ROMANORVM REGINA

The date of place, *Apud Diuisas*, is absent from BS facsimile. On the other hand, it occurs in Birch's copy from the original. Moreover, Dodsworth (MSS., vol. xc, f. 158 v.) inserted it in his copy from BS, and it also figures in the *Mon.* copy which would have been supplied by Dodsworth. The evidence for its existence is therefore overwhelming. In the facsimile the writing completely fills the right-hand bottom corner of the charter and the top of the turn-up of the fold comes immediately below the last line. The probable explanation is that the date of place was at the beginning of the next line and was hidden by the fold. Dodsworth doubtless saw the original charter. The point is of substance since the date of time depends on that of place, and has been so calculated by Mr. White whose conclusions are here adopted.

¹ Sic.

² Cf. BM 54; Wyon, *Great Seals*, 29.

The real founder was Waleran count of Meulan, who started the abbey and supplied the original endowment; he apparently transferred his founder's right of patronage to the empress, but there is no reason to believe that she ever gave a penny piece. Curiously enough, a similar case occurs in Normandy where Waleran founded the abbey of La Valasse, for which there exists a charter of date 1154-9 of the empress as foundress which follows closely the present one and indeed must have been modelled upon it (Somménil, *Chronicon Valassense*, 94). The last witness, Robert de Formoville, was a tenant of Count Waleran in Normandy and witnessed many of his charters.

EX CARTIS WILLELMI CONSTABLE QUONDAM DE HOLME ET DE FLAMBURGH BARONETTI

515

Charter of Agnes daughter of William the constable of Chester giving to Watton priory the whole village of Watton, Yorks., E.R., and confirming the exchanges made for Watton from her marriage portion by Eustace her husband. (1157-66)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 955, 'ex autogr. penes Willelmum Constable nuper de Flamburg in com. Ebor. baronetum'; Farrer, *EYC* ii, No. 1109, from PRO Chancery Miscel. bundle 9, n. 5, m. 9.

Omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus Agnes filia Willelmi constabularii Cestrie salutem. Notum sit uobis quod ego concessi & dedi sanctimonialibus de Wattuna in perpetuam elemosinam totam uillam de Wattuna cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in terris & aquis . pratis & pascuis . in mariscis & piscariis . in uilla & extra uillam . ut eam habeant liberam & quietam ab omni exactione & seculari seruitio . pro qua uidelicet Wattuna concessi & confirmaui excambias quas dominus Eustachius uir meus dederat pro ea de maritagio meo . ut hereditario iure possideant . & heredes eorum qui Wattonam possederant . & predictas excambias susceperunt . uidelicet Ricardus de¹ Bald . & Willelmus filius Onfridi. Hanc autem elemosinam dedi pro salute domini & mea . & pro anima Ricardi filii mei & Gaufridi & ceterorum amicorum meorum . & warantizabo eam & heredes mei sicuti propriam elemosinam nostram. Hanc donationem meam confirmaui mea carta . & testimonio bonorum uirorum uidelicet Petri prioris de Norton . & Willelmi prioris de Erberia . & Helie capellani . & Radulfi capellani . & magistri Gilleberti de Sempingham . & Roberti canonici . & Hardwini & Rogeri filii constabularii & Pagani de Traci . & Willelmi de Croili . & Alexandri filii Warini . & Ricardi pincerne . & Ricardi Cest' . et petit consilii.

SEAL on tag: uncertain shape; red. A bird to the sinister, with long beak, looking backwards, perched on a floral device; ✠ SIGILLUM AG

Nos. 515 and 517 appear to be contemporaneous, for the witness list is very nearly the same in each charter. In 1086 the constable of Chester was William fitzNigel, founder of Runcorn priory, which was later moved to Norton. He probably died in or before 1130, since the king had made fine on behalf of his son and successor, another William, with the earl of Chester, and William the younger paid an instalment of the debt (*PR 31 Hen. I*, 88). William the younger died without issue leaving two sisters as coheirs, this Agnes and Maud wife of Albert Grelley. Agnes must have been the elder, since the office of constable passed through her. She married first Eustace fitzJohn as his second wife. He was killed in Wales in 1157

¹ *Sic.*

(*DNB*). She married secondly Robert fitzCount, the grantor of No. 517. Both her husbands were successively constable of Chester *iure uxoris*. William the younger must have died or been succeeded as constable by Eustace not later than the beginning of 1139, for a charter of King Stephen witnessed by Roger bishop of Salisbury confirms to Bridlington priory the church of Flamborough given by William fitzNigel and confirmed by Eustace (*EYC* ii, No. 1144). Eustace left a son Richard fitzEustace, who, by Aubrey de Lisours, left a son John the constable, the grantor of No. 519. There is no evidence for the statement that Richard fitzEustace succeeded his father as constable of Chester.¹ On the contrary, the wording of the present charter suggests that he was dead, in which case he did not survive his stepfather, Robert fitzCount, who when this charter was made was constable of Chester (No. 517). From Robert fitzCount the office passed to John, son of Richard fitzEustace. John occurs as constable on the Pipe Roll of 1166 (*PR 12 Hen. II*, 51). By that date it may be presumed that Robert fitzCount was dead. The witness, Roger son of the constable, or of William the constable, as in No. 517, must be an illegitimate son, presumably of William the younger.

The priory of Watton was founded by Eustace fitzJohn (*Mon.* vi. 955), whose gifts were confirmed by William de Vescy, his son and heir by his first wife (*EYC* ii. 1110). Watton was held of the Fossard fee and Hilderthorpe of the Gant fee. The tenure of Loddington is not clear; probably it was held of the earl of Chester *de constabulatu* (see No. 519); in 1242–3 it was held by Richard le Baud of the heir of John de Lacy, earl of Lincoln and constable (*Fees*, 935). These charters supply the date and occasion of the entrance of the Baud family into Northamptonshire.

A most curious feature of these charters is the occurrence in both of an apparent reference to a 'little council'. In the charter of Agnes to Hurley priory printed in Madox, *Formulare* (No. ccccxv) the phrase *paruo consilio* appears again, this time apparently attached adjectivally to the name of one of the witnesses. Collation with the original document at Westminster (W.A.M. 3565) shows that Madox's reading is correct. Nevertheless, the phrase cannot be dismissed as a nickname. In the Hurley charter the words follow the name Robert. In the two charters here being considered the description follows the name of Richard of Chester. Moreover, in neither No. 515 nor in No. 517 can the words be adjectival. In each case they are preceded by *et*. It is also worth noting that in No. 515 the phrase *et petit consilii* comes at the end of the witness list and apparently is a contemporary addition. The *et* is the tironian sign, whereas throughout the charter the ampersand is employed. The words seem an afterthought, added half in French and half in Latin. The conclusion, in fact, seems unavoidable that a small council, probably of household officers, must lie behind the phrase. The reference to the lord's secret discussion of his affairs with his council in the Byland abbey foundation document led the author of *English Feudalism* to the conclusion that in 1140 a baronial council existed in the Mowbray fee (p. 73 and n.). These charters suggest that twenty years later a similar institution existed in the fee of the constable of Chester.

516

Charter of Robert constable of Flamborough giving to Watton priory 4 bovates in Hilderthorpe, Yorks., E.R., and granting the nuns the right to collect flechers throughout the territory of Flamborough for their own ship. (Late Henry II)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 955, 'ex autogr. penes Willelmum Constable &c.'; *EYC* ii, No. 917 from BM Add. MS. 26736, f. 64.

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Rodbertus constabularius de Flamesburc salutem. Notum

¹ VCH *Lancs.* i. 299, cites as evidence a charter of Henry II dated at Falaise in 1157 (*CDF*, No. 613) which is witnessed by Richard the constable. But he is undoubtedly Richard du Hommet, constable of Normandy. The charter itself is, at least in its present form, doubtful. If it is to be accepted it

must be of an earlier date than Apr. 1157, when Henry II crossed to England, not returning to Normandy until Aug. 1158. Since Eustace did not die until July 1157, his son could not have been constable early in the year.

sit uobis omnibus me dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et sanctimonialibus de Watt' fratribusque earum clericis et laicis iij^{or} bouatas terre in Hildertorp cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam . sicut aliqua elemosina liberior datur aut possidetur . sine omni seruitio et exactione. Concessi etiam eis fligheres ad suam propriam nauem colligendas in territorio de Flamesburc quandocunque sibi libuerit . sine omni contradictione mei uel meorum. His testibus . magistro Rogero Arundel . Martino presbitero . Johanne Arundel . Waleranno de Cranwic . Willelmo filio eius . Alexandro de Buchetun . Ricardo de Altun . Radulfo clerico de Altun . Rodberto de Holm.

SEAL on tag: round, c. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; red; imperfect. Equestrian to the dexter, the rider holding a hawk on his left hand, horse walking; ✠ SIGILLU' CONSTAB'U

The family of Constable of Flamborough and Holme to which this charter and Nos. 522-5 relate was an offshoot of the constables of Chester (see note to No. 515). Two charters of Gilbert de Gant, earl of Lincoln, for Bridlington priory, of which the limits of date are 1147-56, are witnessed by a Robert son of the constable (*EYC* ii, Nos. 1157, 1219), and his identity is disclosed by Earl Gilbert's foundation charter for Rufford abbey, c. 1148, witnessed by 'Roberto filio Willelmi constabularii Cestrie' (*Mon.* v. 518). As William fitzNigel, constable of Chester, had given the church of Flamborough to Bridlington priory (*EYC* ii. 440) and the arms of Constable of Flamborough appear to have been a variant of those of the constables of Chester¹ (*Trans. East Riding Ant. Soc.* xii. 8), it seems permissible to identify this Robert as the ancestor of Constable of Flamborough. Chronologically he is hardly likely to have been son of William fitzNigel, a Domesday tenant, but more probably of his son William; if so, he was illegitimate, since the heirs of William son of William were his sisters. There is no trace of a constablership of Flamborough, and the name seems to be a surname inherited from the constables of Chester. The early pedigree of the family is obscure, and it is not clear that the Robert of the present charter is identical with the Robert of 1148; if, as is probable, the grantor of No. 522, whose sister was married after their father's death, was his son, there were probably two Roberts, father and son. In a charter which appears to be rather later than the present grant Robert and his son William demised common of pasture in Holme upon Spalding Moor to Ormsby abbey (*Gilbertine Charters*, LRS, xviii. 65). The first occurrence of the witness Roger Arundel is in 1180-1 (*PR* 27 *Hen. II*, 50). Farrer (*EYC*, loc. cit.) explains *fligheres* as flechers, bowed or bent timbers for the framework or covering of the bows of a ship.

517

Charter of Robert fitzCount, constable of Chester, giving to Watton priory all the land of Watton, Yorks., E.R., as Eustace fitzJohn gave it with the consent of Agnes his wife, from whose marriage portion there was exchanged, Loddington, Northants., and Hilderthorpe, Yorks., E.R. (1157-66)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 955, 'ex autogr. penes Willelmum Constable &c.'; *EYC* ii, No. 1111 from BM Add. MS. 26736, f. 64.

Omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie . Robertus filius comitis constabularius Cestrie salutem. Sciatis me pro dei amore et pro salute anime mee et petitione . et assensu . Agnetis uxoris mee . donasse et concessisse . sanctimonialibus que deo apud Watunam

¹ In view of the early date of the origin of the Flamborough family this was probably a case of subsequent and collateral adoption.

seruiunt . totam terram eiusdem Watune . infra uillam et extra . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in pascuis . et pratis in aquis et in molendinis . et in marescis¹ . et in piscariis . et illam tenendam in perpetuam elemosinam . solam . et quietam . et liberam ex omni seculari seruicio . sicut Eustachius filius Johannis illis eam dedit . et carta sua confirmauit . prece et assensu Agnetis uxoris sue per cuius maritagium excambiata est ipsa Watuna . scilicet per Loditunam et Hildertorp. Testibus Petro priore de Nort' . et Willelmo priore de Herbera . et Helia capellano . et Radulfo capellano . et Gilleberto de Senping' et Roberto canonico de Maltun' . et fratre Sceimano de Senping' . et magistro Roberto de Isteslapio . et Ardewino et Willelmo de Croill' . et Alexandro filio Warini . et Pagano de Traci . et Rogero filio Willelmi constabularii et Ricardo de Cestria . et paruo consilio . et Ricardo pincerna et Archillo . et Radulfo coco . et Willelmo de Chinun.

No seal or tag shown.

Farrer in his head-note describes the grantor as 'son of the constable of the earl of Chester', and extends *constabul'* as *constabularii*. The order of the words in the Latin makes such a rendering impossible and there can be no doubt that the true extension is 'constabularius'. Robert was apparently the illegitimate son of an earl of Chester, probably of either Ranulf I or Ranulf II, though Richard (d. 1120) is a possible father. On the death of Eustace fitzJohn Agnes's marriage would belong to the earl and would offer an opportunity of providing for an irregular member of the family. See also the note to No. 515.

518

Charter of Roger de Lacy, constable of Chester, confirming the benefactions of his great-grandfather and great-grandmother, Eustace fitzJohn and Agnes, to Watton priory, Yorks., E.R. (1194-1211)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: *Mon.* vi. 956, 'ex autogr. penes William Constable &c.'.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Rogerus de Lasci constabularius Cestrie . salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui sanctimonialium de Wattona que sunt de ordine de Sempingham et fratribus eorum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnia tenementa que possidunt in Wattun et in Hildredthorp de dono Eustachii filii Johannis aui patris mei et uxoris illius Agnetis que ad feodum meum pertinent. Concessi etiam et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui quod rate sint excambie quas fecit prenominatus Eustachius de constabulatu Cestrie Ricardo le Bauld et heredibus suis uidelicet de terra de Lodington quam idem Ricardus accepit in excambias a predicto Eustachio auo patris mei pro medietate uille de Watt' . quam medietatem dedit prefatus Eustachius conuentui de Watt' cum alia medietate eiusdem uille in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut carte prefati Eustachii et uxoris eius Agnetis . et Johannis patris mei testantur. Hanc uero concessionem et confirmationem feci predicto conuentui pro salute mea et heredum meorum et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium predecessorum meorum

¹ *Sic.*

ut mihi et illis prosit in perpetuum. His testibus . magistro Rogero ordinis de Sempingham . Albino . et Rogero capellanis suis . magistro Jacobo . hospitalis sancti Nicholai . Ricardo decano de Marnham . Eustachio fratre domini . Roberto Walensi . Willelmo de Lunguilers . Adam de Duttun . Gilleberto de Lasci . Alano de Boidele . Henrico de Eland . Willelmo filio Euerardi . Gaufrido pincerna . Roberto de Luethorp . Reimundo clerico Roberto clerico de Pontefract.

Fragment of tag only for seal.

The date must be later than Roger's accession to the honor of Pontefract and his assumption of the name of Lacy (see note to No. 408); the later limit is that of his death in 1211.

519

Charter of John the constable of Chester confirming the benefactions of his grandfather and grandmother, Eustace fitz John and Agnes, to Watton priory, Yorks., E.R.
(circa 1175–90)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: EYC ii, No. 1112, from BM Add. MS. 26736, f. 64.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Johannes constabularius Cestrie concessi . et hac carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et conuentui monialium de Watt' que sunt de ordine de Sempingham et fratribus earum clericis et laicis concessu et assensu heredum meorum . ut habeant et teneant libere et quiete ab omni seculari seruitio in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnia tenementa que possident in Wattun et in Hildertorp de dono Eustachii filii Johannis aui mei et uxoris illius Agnetis auie mee que ad feudum meum pertinent . secundum quod carte donatorum suorum testantur. Concessi etiam et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui quod rate sint excambie quas fecit prenomatus Eustachius de constabulatu Cestrie Ricardo de¹ Bald . videlicet terram de Lodigtun quam idem Ricardus accepit in excambias ab auo meo Eustachio pro medietate uille de Wattun quam medietatem uille de Wattun acceptam ut predictum est in excambias idem Eustachius auus meus dedit prefato conuentui cum alia eiusdem uille medietate quam habuit de acquestu suo. Hanc uero confirmationem feci predicto conuentui pro salute mea et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium predecessorum meorum ut mihi et illis imperpetuum prosit. His testibus . Anselmo capellano . fratre Radulfo de Flith . fratre Johanne filio Willelmi . fratre Edwardo . fratre Henrico de Henford' . Rogero constabulario¹ Cestrie . Ricardo et Galfrido fratribus ipsius Rogeri . Roberto filio Eudonis . Thoma persona de Kyrkebi . Galfrido de Vttun . Roberto capellano et Simone de Chiksand . Roberto Mustail.

SEAL on tag: central portion only; uncoloured. A griffin passant to sinister.

COUNTERSEAL: pointed oval, $1\frac{7}{16} \times \frac{15}{16}$ in.; uncoloured. A lion rampant to sinister; no legend.

It is evident, as Farrer points out, that the attestation *Rogero constabulario Cestrie* must be a scribal error for *Rogero filio constabularii Cestrie*. Since it is attested by three of John's sons the earlier limit of date must be substantially later than his accession to the constablership; the later limit is the date of his death. The limits assigned are those proposed by Farrer.

¹ Sic.

520

Charter of Robert the constable (of Halsham) restoring to his brother Thomas de Alost, son of Gilbert de Alost, a capital messuage and 2 carucates of land in Fraisthorpe, Yorks., E.R. He has also restored to his brother Ralf de Alost 2 other carucates in Fraisthorpe. (Late Henry II, not later than 1182)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED: EYC ii, No. 808, from Bridlington cartulary, and in abstract, *Bridlington Chartulary*, 194.

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Robertus constabularius reddidi et dedi et concessi Thome de Alost fratri meo . filio Gilleberti de Alost in Frainstingthorp capitale masagium et duas carrucatas terre de dominio . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in terra arabili . in pratis . in pasturis . in marasco¹ . et in omnibus aliis aisiamentis . libere tenendas de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate ipsi et heredibus suis . faciendo mihi pro ipsis forinsecum seruitium et heredibus meis : quantum ad duas carrucatas terre pertinet : unde septem carrucate faciunt seruitium unius militis. Quam predictam Frainstingthorp prenominaus Gillebertus de Alost pater eius me concedente sicut de hereditate mea : adquisiuit sibi et heredibus libere tenendam de me et de heredibus meis. Sciendum etiam quod in eadem uilla de Frainstingthorp eodem seruitio reddidi similiter et dedi et concessi Radulfo de Alost fratri meo duas alias carrucatas terre de dominio qui Radulfus si sine herede de uxore desponsata mortuus fuerit : iste due carrucate predicto Thome et heredibus suis sicut recto heredi eius : in feudo et hereditate remanebunt in perpetuum. Hiis testibus . magistro Roberto de Swina . Alexandro canonico eius . Willelmo de Kait' . Willelmo de Haltham . Roberto Jurdan . Roberto de Gloucestre . Alano Jurdan . Willelmo del Furn . Roberto de Kiaitun¹ . Radulfo de Risa . Willelmo de Halsam . Willelmo de Oteringh' dapifero comitis Hugone de Frisb' . Radulfo fratre eius Amando buticulario . Willelmo de Scruten' . Johanne fratre eius . Stephano de Merflet . Willelmo filio eius . Amando de Suttona . Ricardo filio Saeri . Roberto de Melsa Thoma fratre eius Johanne filio Petri de Mels . Hugone de Halsham Stephano filio eius² Simone de Kam' Simone³ filio Ysáac . Willelmo fratre eius Petro de Aldeb' . Johanne filio Roberti de Beuerlaco . Willelmo Cokerel . Stephano Cokerel . Roberto et Matheo filiis eius . Waltero de Frismareis⁴ Stephano de Killum . Willelmo de Ochet' . Waltero de Bouint' . Willelmo et Gaufrido filiis eius Andrea seruiente comitis Willelmo de la Mer Willelmo filio Thurst'.

SEAL on tag: round, 2½ in.; red. Equestrian, pointed helmet, sword, surcoat, kite-shaped shield, horse walking; ✠ SIGILLVM ROBERTI CONSTABVLARI

Although this charter and No. 521 were in the possession of the Constables of Flamborough in the 17th century, the grantor was a Constable of Halsham, an entirely different family which held Fraisthorpe of the count of Aumale (Poulson, *Seignory of Holderness*, ii. 224 et seq.). In his head-note Farrer has by a slip attributed it to a Constable of Flamborough. The fact that these charters are entered in the

¹ Sic.

² et Radulfo filio eius added, EYC and cartulary.

³ de Kam cancelled at this point.

⁴ So extended EYC; cartulary 'Fris marisco'.

Bridlington cartulary show them to have been in the possession of that house. Robert the present grantor, *senex et plenus dierum*, went on crusade in 1189 (*Chron. de Melsa*, RS i. 220), and Roger of Howden (iii. 89) records the death at the siege of Acre in 1190 of 'Robertus Constabularius senescallus comitis Willelmi de Mandavilla', and a charter of Robert Constable of Halsham for Meaux abbey in 1188 made in the presence of Earl William (*EYC* iii, No. 1364) identifies him with the steward. Robert's brother, William, was living at the time of this gift but died before him, for Robert was succeeded by his nephew, William's son, Robert (*Chron. de Melsa*, loc. cit.). In the Bridlington cartulary (ed. Lancaster, 195-201) are a series of grants by the Alost family to the priory of land in Fraisthorpe; these show that both Thomas and Ralf left issue and that the cross-remainders in these two charters did not take effect. A charter of Robert Constable the nephew (ibid. 201) confirms to the priory all the gifts of Thomas de Alost his *patruus*; Gilbert de Alost must therefore have married the mother of Robert Constable the grantor, and Thomas and Ralf must have been his brothers of the half-blood. The witness William of Ottringham was *dapifer* of the count of Aumale; he died before 1194 (*EYC* iii. 81). By a fine at Westminster on 16 Oct. 1182 Thomas de Alost quitclaimed to Bridlington priory a carucate in Fraisthorpe (ibid. ii, No. 1220); since the present charter seems to be a restoration consequent on Gilbert's death of the Alost holding in Fraisthorpe it is presumably earlier than this fine. Both charters are very closely written; the witness list in particular is crowded. The clerk has contrived to include the names but only by violent contractions. Stephen de Merfl' is extended as 'Merston' by Farrer, but it is impossible to read the facsimile in BS in any way but Merfl', a good form for Marfleet.

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Charter of Robert the constable (of Halsham) restoring to his brother Ralf de Alost, son of Gilbert de Alost, 2 carucates of land in Fraisthorpe, Yorks., E.R. (Late Henry II, not later than 1182)

BS FACSIMILE.

PRINTED in abstract, *Bridlington Chartulary*, 195.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Robertus constabularius reddidi et dedi et concessi Radulfo de Alost fratri meo filio Gilleberti de Alost pro seruitio suo duas carrucatas terre in Fraistingthorp ⁊ cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in terra arabili . in pratis . in pasturis . et in omnibus aliis aisiamentis libere tenendas de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate ipsi et heredibus suis . faciendo mihi et heredibus meis pro ipsis forinsecum seruitium quantum ad duas carrucatas pertinet . unde septem carrucate faciunt seruitium unius militis. Quam predictam Fraistingthorp prenomminatus Gillebertus de Alost pater eius me concedente sicut de hereditate mea ⁊ adquisiuit sibi et heredibus suis libere tenendam de me et heredibus meis. Si prefatus Radulfus uero sine herede de uxore desponsata mortuus fuerit ⁊ iste due carrucate Thome de Alost fratri suo et heredibus suis sicut recto heredi eius . in feudo et hereditate remanebunt in perpetuum. Hiis testibus . magistro Roberto de Swina . Alexandro canonico eius . Willelmo de Kaitun . Willelmo Haltham¹ Roberto Jurdan . Roberto de Gloucestre . Alano Jurdan . Willelmo del Furn . Roberto de Kaitun . Radulfo de Risa Willelmo de Halsam . Willelmo de Otringh' dapifero comitis Hugone de Frisb' . Radulfo fratre eius . Amando buticulario² . Johanne fratre eius Stephano de Merfl' .

¹ de omitted.

No. 520.

² Willelmo de Scruten' is omitted, doubtless in error, see

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p. fili. Willi. omib; hoib; ⁊ fidelib; suis sat Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ cecesse Willmo
filio Reinfr. ⁊ heredib; suis Willfordin in feodo ⁊ hereditate ad tenendū de
me ⁊ heredib; meis p. tēa partē seruiciū unū militis ita qd seruiciū suū
totū debet redimere singulis annis p. xx. solidos dando .x. solidū in pasca .j. x. m.
festiuitate sci michael. Quia pp. uolo ⁊ firmit p. cipio ut ipse ⁊ heredes sui p. dic-
tā trā libe ⁊ q. ete cū oib; libtatib; suis de me ⁊ heredib; meis ī p. petuū teneant.
Quia ipse ide. meus hō est. h. is testib; . Robo p. tbo. Rog. p. t. Alano. p. t. b. t. o.
Magistro Ogō. Magistro Hazaro. Rodo. clerico. Rodb. Gorfel. Raulfo filio
ioelli. Reg. de graft. Rob. ⁊ Will. filius. Rannul. Nicol. de beunnt. Will. de
Mabel. Pagano. Sicar. hug. reuelt. Raulf p. echā. joello filio Rad. Oliu.
Odon. Rodb. de alna. Will. de lūnd. Tierri. Godefr. Blacem. Anfrido.
⁊ plurib; aliis. Valete.

Willelmo filio eius . Amando de Suttona . Ricardo filio Saheri . Roberto de Mels . Thoma fratre eius . Johanne filio Petri de Mels . Hugone de Halsham Stephano et Radulfo filiis eius . Simone de Kam' Simone filio Ysaac . Willelmo fratre eius . Petro de Aldeb' Johanne filio Roberti de Beuerlaco . Willelmo Kokerel . Stephano Cokel¹ . Roberto et Matheo filiis eius . Waltero de Frismareis . Stephano de Killum . Willelmo de Oket' . Waltero de Bouint'.

Same seal as to No. 520 ; uncoloured.

522

Charter of William Constable of Flamborough giving to Philip son of Richard de la Haya his share of the ferry of Bubwith, Yorks., E.R., and 2 shillings from the farm of William of Holme who lives in Harlthorpe, Yorks., E.R. (Temp. John)

BS FACSIMILE.

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus constabularius de Flenesburc dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Phillippo filio Ricardi de la Haya cum Angneta sorore mea in libero maritagio totam partem meam de passagio de Bubwic . et duos solidos de firma Willelmi de Holm qui manet in villa de Herlethorp . et heredum eiusdem Willelmi per annum . scilicet . duodecim denarios . ad Pentecosten . et duodecim denarios ad festum sancti Martini. Et ego Willelmus constabularius et heredes mei warantizabimus prenominato Philippo et heredibus suis qui nacentur de prefata Angneta sorore mea totam partem predictam passagi¹ de Bubwic . et duos solidos de firma predicti Willelmi et heredum ipsius contra omnes homines in perpetuum. Hiis testibus . Ricardo de la Haya . Oliuero de Gunnebi Elenardo de Saltemarisco . Adam Batale . Willelmo fratre suo . Roberto filio Godefridi . Roberto de Spaldington . Gilbeberto¹ de Maneriis . Thoma de Gisseburna . Jordano de Menne-thorp . Rogero fratre suo . Willelmo filio Walteri . Petro de Herlethorp . Radulfo de Nehus et multis aliis.

No seal or tag shown.

The witnesses Oliver of Gunby, Elenard of Saltmarsh, Adam Batale, and Robert of Spaldington witness various charters in *EYC* i-iii, within the extreme limits of 1190 and 1220.

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Charter of William Constable son of Robert Constable of Holme granting to William son of Alexander of Sancton as appurtenant to his half knight's fee in Sancton, Yorks., E.R., specified rights in the woods, pasture, and marsh of Holme upon Spalding Moor, Yorks., E.R. (Temp. John)

BS FACSIMILE.

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Willelmus constabularius filius Roberti constabularii de Holm

¹ Sic.

salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse Willelmo filio Alexandri de Santon' et heredibus suis annuatim percipiend' in boscis de Holm . excepto bosco de Northschoh per tradicionem forestariorum de Holm duas quadrigatas ligni et unam quadrigatam uirgarum et unam quadrigatam ramorum . et decem porcos in bosco sine panagio . et decem boues in communi pastura de Holm. Habeant etiam turbas sufficienter ad comburend' ad opus suum in Santon' . scilicet in orientali parte marisci de Holm . et tegumentum ad domos suas cooperiendas in eodem marisco. Hec omnia concessi illi et heredibus suis tenenda et habenda . de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete plenarie et integre . pacifice et honorifice cum libero introitu et exitu absque omni seruicio et exactione. Sciendum uero est quod hec predicta pertinent ad suum dimidium feodum militis in Santon' . Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis . et adquietabimus omnia predicta cum omnibus libertatibus de omnibus rebus contra omnes homines in perpetuum. Hiis testibus . Willelmo Saluain . Roberto de Euerigh' . Willelmo filio Radulfi . Willelmo Foliot Ricardo de la Haie . Jordano de Buggethorp . Petro de Santon' . Alano fratre suo . Roberto filio Godefridi . Eudone filio suo Eraldo Husbonde . Elya de Houeton' . Galfrido filio suo.

Tag only for seal.

The grantor must be the son of the Robert Constable of No. 516 and the same man as the grantor of No. 522. The grantee can be identified with the William son of Alexander of Sancton against whom Watton priory recovered a moiety of the church of Sancton in 1206 (*Yorks. Fines*, Surtees Soc. xciv. 98). The witnesses William Salvain, William Foliot, Richard de la Haie, Jordan of Bugthorpe, and Peter of Sancton witness various charters in *EYC* i-iii, within the limits of 1190 and 1216.

524

Charter of William Constable of Flamborough confirming to Watton priory 4 bovates of land in Hilderthorpe, Yorks., E.R., and the right to collect flechers throughout the territory of Flamborough for the nuns' own ship. (Late 12th or early 13th century)

BS FACSIMILE.

Cunctis Christi fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris Willelmus constabularius de Flaineburc salutem. Notum sit uobis omnibus me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Watt' & fratribus earum clericis et laicis quatuor bouatas terre in Hilderthorp cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra uillam et extra in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius datur aut possidetur . sine omni seruitio et exactione. Concessi eciam eis fligheres ad suam propriam nauem colligendas in territorio de Flainesburc quandocunque sibi placuerit sine omni contradictione mei uel meorum. Hiis testibus . Waltero capellano de Wattona . Serlone de Martona Willelmo de Schoureburc . Herueio le Waleis . Fulcone Plaiard . Ricardo de Pickeringe . Rannulfo de Schirn'.

SEAL on tag: round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.; light brown. Shield of arms curved at top and sides, quarterly, the second and third quarters vair, over all a bendlet; ✠ SIGILLU' WILU' CONSTABU' FLAENGBURC

This is a confirmation of No. 516. Hervey le Waleis and Fulk Plaiart witness a charter of which the limits of date are 1190–1220 (EYC i, No. 588).

525

Agreement between William de Vescy and Robert Constable of Flamborough in regard to a plea between them touching suit of court at Malton. 24 Feb. 1247

BS FACSIMILE. Indented.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ita convenit die sancti Mathie apostoli anno regni regis H. filii regis Johannis xxx primo . inter dominum Willelmum de Vescy ex una parte et Robertum constabularium de Flamburg' ex altera de quadam contencione mota inter illos de secta curie Malton' . scilicet quod dictus Robertus recognovit et concessit pro se et heredibus suis facere sectam ad curiam dicti domini Willelmi et heredum suorum apud Brumptonam in Pikeringlith . pro terra quam de eo tenet in wapentaco de Herthill' de feudo de Mubray in Holmo et aliby . videlicet de tribus rebus . scilicet quando breue domini regis erit in predicta curia . et ad latronem adiudicandum et ad iudicia curiarum adforciendum. Et pro hac concessione dictus Willelmus quietum clamavit dictum Robertum et heredes suos de secta curie sue Malton' et in omnibus aliis locis preter ad locum de Brumptona prenomiatum pro predicta terra. Et ad maiorem huius rei securitatem mutuis sigillis hoc scriptum corroborauerunt. Hiis testibus . Geraldo Saluayn . P. de Percy Willelmo Diue . W. de Mandeuill' . Nicholao Turbert Thoma de Gunneby . Petro de Hay . W. de Harum . W. de Percy de Dunsele . W. de Mainberm' Ricardo Tursebut . Willelmo Buscel et aliis.

SEAL on tag: central portion only; brown. Shield of arms, curved at top and sides, a cross patonce [VESCY].

For a list of Nigel de Mowbray's fees between 1224 and 1230 see *Fees*, 1460. William de Vescy held 7 fees in Brompton and elsewhere in Yorks. and William Constable half a fee in Holme.

EX CARTIS ROBERTI BROME DE WODELOWE IN COM'
WARR' GENEROSI ANNO 1640

526

Charter of William earl of Warwick giving to Alan his cook, son of Richard the cook, his father's office of master cook in his (the earl's) household, and also the land of Woodloes and one virgate of land in Coten End, and the other lands which Richard his father had in the borough of Warwick with the right to hold a court for his men in Woodloes and Warwick, &c. (1153–84) (Spurious)

BS FACSIMILE.

Willelmus comes Warr' omnibus baronibus et burgensibus et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciant tam futuri quam presentes me concessisse et

dedisse Alano coco meo filio Ricardi coci unum officium in domo mea uidelicet capitale ministerium coquine mee quod dicitur magister cocus quod Ricardus pater eius habuit in domo patris mei et in mea . et totam illam terram que dicitur Wodelowe cum omnibus pertinenciis suis incipiente Yarkedich' . et sic usque Cotheamwei . et sic per Cotheamwei usque ad Clerkeporn . et per metam de Clerkeyorn¹ usque ad Packemor . et in Packemor adeo longe in latitudine fronte ipsius mete et tocius terre sue quam¹ placia se extendit inter Trappardesdich' et suam terram arabilem . et sic ab illo loco in Packemor completa latitudine predictae placie fronte predictae mete usque Trappardesdich' . et sic per Trappardesdich' . et unam uirgatam terre in Coca cum omnibus aliis terris quas predictus Ricardus pater ipsius Alani habuit in burgo meo de Warr' . et extra. Concessi etiam predicto Alano et heredibus suis ut licite curiam suam teneat de omnibus propriis hominibus suis quos Ricardus pater eius habuit in Wodelowe et in Warr' . sine aliqua contradictione mei uel heredum meorum . et tolloneum de illis accipiat quodcunque mercimonium uendant uel emant in predicto burgo de Warr' . Quare volo et firmiter statuo quatinus predictus Alanus et heredes sui habeant et teneant predictum ministerium siue prefatum officium plene et integre cum omnibus feodis dicte coquine cum omnibus pertinenciis que pertinent ad magistrum cocum scilicet in robis et in equis sicut armigeri mei habent in domo mea . eodem modo quo Ricardus pater eius habuit in domo patris mei et in mea de me et heredibus meis iure hereditario imperpetuum . et totam illam predictam terram que dicitur Wodelowe et predictam uirgatam terre in Coca cum omnibus aliis terris quas Ricardus pater ipsius Alani habuit in burgo meo de Warr' et extra cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libere quiete bene et in pace et honorifice . in pascuis et in pasturis in bosco in plano in pratis in campis in heys¹ in viis . in semitis in metis et in moris in hays¹ et in fossatis . in aquis in stangnis in mareisis¹ . in curiis in villenagiis et in omnibus locis in tota libertate mea sicut Ricardus filius Yuonis pater ipsius Alani ea unquam melius et liberius et quietius tenuit cum tol et team . sacha et sochina . J. fathe yeol¹ et in sokage omnia antedicta tenebit cum omni libertate. Reddendo de iam dictis terris predictus Alanus et heredes sui mihi et heredibus meis annuatim unas² cirotecas ad Paska pro omni seculari seruicio secta curie exactione seu demanda. Pro hac uero donacione concessione et presentis carte confirmacione dedit mihi predictus Alanus decem solidos et duodecim aucas cum uno sextario uini. Et ego uero predictus Willelmus comes Warr' et heredes mei predictum officium integre et totam predictam terram sicut predictum est predicto Alano et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Walerano fratre comitis . Hugone de Ard' . Nigello de Mundeuill' . Glad' . Ricardo Odone capellanis . Blad' de Poerio Willelmo de Dauuill' . Waltero Reuel Roberto Giffard' . Willelmo clerico . Henrico de Vilers Willelmo Pesson . Hugone coco Ricardo Kent' et R. filio eius God' . merc' Waltero filio Gerardi Rogero dispensario . Ricardo pistore Galfrido Wariled' . Rogero filio eius Jordano clerico Johanne clerico et aliis.

¹ Sic.² The *s* is written above *una*.

SEAL on tag: round, $2\frac{7}{8}$ in.; green. Equestrian, conical helmet, sword, shield, lozengy saddle-cloth, fringed; ✠ SIGILLVM OMES (*sic*) WICI

Nos. 526 and 527 cannot as they stand be accepted as genuine. Each is open to serious objections. No. 526 purports to be a charter of Earl William of Warwick (1153–84). A set of detailed boundaries is common in the middle of the 13th century but highly unusual in the 12th century. The long clause beginning ‘in feedings and pastures’, too, is of very dubious validity; a 12th-century clerk could hardly have envisaged the unfortunate phrases ‘in fields and hedges, in ways, in paths, in boundaries and in moors, in hedges and in ditches, in waters, in pools, in marshes, in courts, in villeinages’. A 12th-century clerk would have found no difficulty in spelling ‘infangenetheof’, but he would have been surprised had his employer insisted on warranty and sealing clauses couched in the stereotyped phrases of the next century. No. 527 professes to be a charter of Earl William’s successor, Earl Waleran (1185–1204). It makes the grantor ‘quitclaim’ the office to his cook, a very curious phrase. Even in Earl Waleran’s day warranty and sealing clauses were by no means of the common form of charters. The man who drafted No. 527 endeavoured to give it a genuine appearance by cutting not merely the usual one strip, but two strips at the bottom of the document and putting the seal on them. It would be more natural for a charter of Earl Waleran to have used a tag for the seal. Nevertheless, behind these two highly suspicious documents there probably lies a genuine grant. The opening phrases of each document have a ring of authenticity about them. It is fortunate that a genuine charter of Rannulf II, earl of Chester (1129–53), survives to set out the words by which a great magnate gave to his cook the office of his father and the land that went with it (Stenton, *English Feudalism*, 104). A charter of this sort probably lies behind the forgeries here printed. The reason for and the time of the forgeries can only be guessed. It may be conjectured that a double incentive moved the drafter, a need to define the common rights of the lord of Woodloes and a desire to enjoy the protection of warranty and sealing clauses. Woodloes is now part of Warwick; and even in the 13th century a growing borough, in which an important castle stood, may have threatened the lord’s privileges. With regard to the warranty and sealing clauses comparison may be made with plate xxxi in *Facsimiles of Early Charters from Northamptonshire Collections* (NRS iv). One of the charters there portrayed is a genuine grant of 1180–9 with no warranty clause. The other is apparently a version of the same charter ‘improved’ by the inclusion of a clause of warranty. Dugdale (*Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 339) quotes this charter ‘ex ipso autog. penes R. B. gen.’, accepting it as genuine. He does not refer to No. 527.

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Charter of Waleran earl of Warwick granting to Alan his cook, son of Alan the cook, the office in his household which Alan his father had in that of Earl William, and of all the land which is called Woodloes, and one virgate of land in Coten End, and all the other lands which Alan his father had within the borough of Warwick and without. (circa 1200) (Spurious)

BS FACSIMILE.

Waleranus comes Warr’ omnibus hominibus suis et amicis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Notum sit uobis omnibus me concessisse & dedisse et hoc presenti scripto quietum clamasse Alano coco meo filio Alani coci unum officium in domo mea quod Alanus pater eius habuit in domo Willelmi comitis . et totam illam terram que dicitur Wodelowe et unam virgatam terre in Coca cum omnibus aliis terris quas Alanus pater eius habuit in burgo de Warr’ et extra. Habend’ et tenend’ predictum officium et totam illam terram que dicitur Wodelowe et predictam uirgatam terre in Coca cum

omnibus aliis terris predictis de me et heredibus meis predicto Alano et heredibus suis adeo libere et quiete quam Alanus pater eius ea unquam melius et liberius et quietius tenuit. Ita quod nec ego Waleranus comes Warr' nec heredes mei in predictis terris de Wodelowe communionem nec pasturam ultra uoluntatem dicti Alani uel heredum suorum de cetero nunquam habebimus. Et ego uero predictus Waleranus comes Warr' et heredes mei predictum officium et totam predictam terram sicut predictum est predicto Alano et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Ard' Willelmo de Bissopesdon' . Bald' Poerio . Willelmo de Dauuill' Waltero de Cormail' . Henrico Reuel . Hamone filio Hamonis Gerardo coco . Johanne de Esefeld' . Rogero filio Godewini . Roberto nepote comitis . Jordano clerico . Johanne clerico et multis aliis.

SEAL¹ on two strips: red, fragmentary. Equestrian, flat-topped helmet, sword, oval shield.

EX AUTHOGRAPHO PENES ... STANTON DE WOLWARD-
INGTON IN COM' WARR' GENEROSI ANNO 1640

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Charter of Peter son of William giving to William son of Reinfrid Wolverton, Warw., in fee and inheritance. (circa 1125)

BS FACSIMILE. Plate IX.

.P. filius Willelmi omnibus hominibus et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse² Willelmo filio Reinfr' . et heredibus suis Wlfordin in feodo et hereditate ad tenendum de me & heredibus meis per terciam partem seruicii unius militis ita quod seruicium suum totum debet redimere singulis annis per xx solidos dando x solidos in Pasca et x in festiuitate sancti Michaelis. Quapropter uolo et firmiter precipio ut ipse et heredes sui predictam terram libere et quiete cum omnibus libertatibus suis de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum teneant . quia ipse inde meus homo est. His testibus . Roberto presbitero . Rogero . presbitero . Alano . presbitero . magistro Ogero . magistro Nazaro . Rodulfo . clerico . Rodberto . Morsel . Raulfo filio Joelli . Reginaldo de Graft' . Roberto . et . Willelmo . filiis Rannul² . Nicolao . de Bennit² . Willelmo de Mabel' . Pagano . Sicar . Hugone . Reuell' . Raulf Perceham . Joello filio Radulfi . Oliuero . Odone . Rodberto de Alna . Willelmo . de Lind' . Tierri . Godefr² . Blacem' . Anfrido . et pluribus aliis. Valet.

SEAL on strip, riband below torn off: central portion only; uncoloured. Equestrian, surcoat, lance.

The grantor of this charter was described as Peter son of William up to 1123, but on the Pipe Roll of 1130 he is called Peter of Studley and thereafter is styled thus or as Peter Corbezun. For his family see note to No. 153, a much later charter issued by him. The donor's father, William son of Corbucion, held

¹ Cf. BM 6263, probably the same.

² Sic.

Wolverton in chief when Domesday Book was compiled. The description of the grantor as P. son of William, the primitive writing and spelling of the charter, and the simplicity of its phrases all suggest a very early date. The precise annual value put at this early date on a fraction of a knight's service is remarkable. Noteworthy also is the precise statement that the land is to be held hereditarily 'because he has become my man therefor'. The witness list with its precise gradation of precedence, the three priests, the two masters who are not priests and so are of lesser dignity, the clerk, and then the laymen confirms the early date of the document. Dugdale (*Warwickshire*, 1765 ed. 467) quotes this charter *ex autog. penes . . . Stanton gen.*

EX CARTIS EDWARDI PETO DE CHESTRETON IN COM' WARR' MILITIS

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Charter of Bertram de Verdun granting to Walter the Breton all the land of Wolfhamcote, Warw. (circa 1166-78)

BS FACSIMILE.

Bertrannus de Verdun omnibus hominibus suis atque amicis salutem. Sciatis quod ego concessi . et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Waltero Brittoni totam terram in integrum de Wlfemescote que fuit Ailwin' de Suham ⁊ cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in willa et in campo . et cum omnibus libertatibus . et cum donacione ecclesie . ei et heredibus suis tenendam de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate libere et quiete ab omni seruicio ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente . pro seruicio quarte partis feudi unius militis eodem scilicet seruicio ⁊ quo Henricus de Ardena . de quo predictam terram teneo ⁊ predicto Waltero concessit et ei carta sua confirmauit. Hiis testibus . Ricardo de Humetis regis conestabulario . Gerold¹ de Normanuill' . Roberto de Bruiecurt . Roberto de Auuilers Radulfo de Mieud' . Willelmo de Curli . Ruelent de Verdun . Nicholao regis capellano . Galfrido capellano . Roberto clerico de Porcestre . et multis aliis.

No seal or tag shown.

The grantor was a trusted official of Henry II. Much information respecting him will be found in P. Meyer, *L'Histoire de Guillaume le Maréchal*, iii. 98 n. The latest limit of date is 1178, when Richard du Hommet, who was Bertram's foster-father (*Mon.* v. 662), became a monk (Delisle, *Robert de Torigni*, ii. 93 n.). The earlier limit is suggested by Nicholas who does not occur as a royal chaplain before about 1166. A charter of Richard du Hommet dated 1170 is witnessed by Bertram de Verdun, Gerold de Normanville, and Walter the Breton (*ibid.* iv. 261). The wording of the charter suggests that Bertram surrendered the land to his overlord Henry of Arden who regranted it to Walter. The efficient draftsmanship bespeaks the royal clerk. The charter has very much the appearance of a contemporary royal charter.

¹ *Sic.*

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- BHRS Bedfordshire Historical Record Society.
 BM British Museum. In the descriptions of the seals BM indicates *Catalogue of Seals in the Department of MSS, British Museum*
BM Facsimiles Facsimiles of Royal and other Charters in the British Museum, ed. G. F. Warner and H. J. Ellis.
 BS Book of Seals.
 CDF *Calendar of Documents preserved in France*, ed. J. H. Round.
 CP *Complete Peerage*.
Cal. Chart. Rolls Calendar of Charter Rolls.
Cal. Inq. p.m. Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem.
Cal. Pat. Rolls Calendar of Patent Rolls.
Cur. Reg. Rolls Curia Regis Rolls.
 EPNS English Place Name Society.
 EYC *Early Yorkshire Charters*, vols. i-iii, ed. W. Farrer; vols. iv-vii, ed. C. T. Clay.
 Eyton, *Itin. Court, Household and Itinerary of King Henry II*, R. W. Eyton.
 FA *Feudal Aids*
 Farrer, *Itin. An Outline Itinerary of King Henry I*, W. Farrer.
 Fees *Book of Fees*.
 HKF *Honours and Knights Fees*, W. Farrer.
 Landon *Itin. The Itinerary of King Richard I*, L. Landon, Pipe Roll Society, vol. xiii.
 LRS Lincoln Record Society.
 Mon. W. Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*, 3 vols., London, 1655-73. New ed. by J. Caley, H. Ellis, and B. Bandinel, 6 vols in 8, London 1817-30.
 Morant, *Essex History and Antiquities of the County of Essex*, P. Morant.
 Nichols *The History and Antiquities of the Town and County of Leicester*, 1795.
 NRS Northamptonshire Record Society.
 Ox. Hist. Soc. Oxford Historical Society.
 PR Pipe Roll.
 PRO Public Record Office.
 PRS Pipe Roll Society.
 RB *Red Book of the Exchequer*, Rolls Series, ed. H. Hall.
 RS Rolls Series.
 Staff. Coll. *Collections for the History of Staffordshire*, Wm. Salt Society.
 VCH *Victoria History of the Counties of England*.
 WAM Westminster Abbey Muniments.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED

bro. = brother	doc. = document	s. = son
bros. = brothers	H. = Hundred	§ = seal
d. = daughter	n = note	wap. = wapentake
d. followed by a date and in brackets = died	nr. = near	

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